

Registration - Fall 2010

Prospective parents are encouraged to call and arrange a tour to become familiar with our program.

A registration packet will be available to be picked up at the church by January 25. All registrations need to be mailed (postmarked by February 13) or dropped off at the preschool by February 12 to receive priority placement. Priority will be given in this order: church member families, currently enrolled families, previously enrolled families, then new families. Registrations will continue to be accepted as long as openings are available.

A \$55.00 registration fee must accompany each application. This will only be returned if the child cannot be placed in a class of your choices.

Confirmations will be mailed on February 23.



Class Tuition

Class	Year	2 Payments	4 Payments
1 Day	\$ 528	\$264	\$135
2 Day			
<i>2 1/2 yr olds (lower teacher:student ratio)</i>			
	\$ 928	\$464	\$235
<i>3 yr olds</i>	\$ 880	\$440	\$223
3 Day	\$ 1250	\$625	\$316
4 Day	\$ 1600	\$800	\$403
5 Day	\$ 1910	\$955	\$481

On May 1 a \$100 (\$50 for 1 day class) non-refundable tuition deposit is due to secure your spot. This will be credited toward your first tuition payment, due Aug 1.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Presbyterian Preschool teachers have degrees or special early childhood experience. All of our staff keep current with training in the early childhood field. The director and teachers are all members of NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) and the Ohio and Cincinnati affiliates.

Presbyterian Preschool is licensed by the State of Ohio and in 2009 was recognized again as a Two Star Step Up to Quality Center, one of the highest awards for excellence in the care of young children. This recognition is only given to the best centers in Ohio, those that surpass Ohio's licensing standards and offer a program that emphasizes early learning and education.

A health form, signed by a doctor, must be provided before the first day of school. The health form will be mailed with your letter of confirmation by February 23.

Our classes start in September and end before Memorial Day. We follow Forest Hills Schools for most vacations, holidays and snow days.

You will receive a letter from the teacher in mid-August. We transition the children into our environment gradually. Each family will have an opportunity to come in and meet the teachers just prior to classes. We will start the children over a 2 day period, so that only 1/2 the class is there on your child's first day. The one day program will come for one hour on the first day.

Presbyterian Preschool does not discriminate in the enrollment of children upon the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.



PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

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OUR MISSION

Presbyterian Preschool is an extension of the mission of Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church. In fulfilling the commandment of Jesus, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them," the Preschool affirms a respect for the dignity and value of each child as a unique creation of God. Childhood is a time when young children discover concepts about their world and develop concern for others in a caring atmosphere that is supportive, nurturing, and responsive to their individual needs. In order for their education to be effective, children must be provided with the kinds of opportunities that are appropriate to their interests and their levels of development. Parents are respected as the most important providers of care and nurturing of young children. The church unites with the parents and the preschool staff in fulfilling this mission.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- To provide quality education for preschool aged children.
- To provide developmentally appropriate opportunities for children to engage in open exploration, problem solving and critical thinking that will enrich and enhance their natural development.
- To ensure a learning environment that allows young children to become confident and to enjoy successes in a caring atmosphere that is supportive, nurturing and responsive to their individual needs.

OUR GOALS

- To foster positive self-concept and attitude toward learning, self control and a sense of belonging.
- To encourage children to think, reason, question and experiment.
- To develop social and emotional skills.
- To provide opportunities for fine and gross motor development.
- To encourage and demonstrate sound health, safety and nutritional practices.

- To respect cultural diversity and anti-bias.
- To provide experiences which promote creativity and aesthetic appreciation of the arts.
- To encourage development in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies based on the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards.

A TYPICAL DAY

Children are active constructors of knowledge and at this age they do this best through play. We strive to make the children feel safe and comfortable in their surroundings so that they will feel free to explore and participate in our carefully planned, rich, early childhood environment. Children are introduced to a variety of materials throughout the year that allow for both repetitive play and new challenges. Our curriculum exposes children to and encourages the development of pre-kindergarten skills.

The children's day consists of:

- **Choice time**—where they are free to move about the learning centers in the classroom.
- **Group time**—a gathering of the children and teachers which provides an opportunity for children to feel a sense of community while sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings. Group time also enables the teacher to introduce an activity, read a story, sing songs, etc.
- **Snack time**— a nutritious snack and beverage is provided each day.
- **Large muscle activity**—on our large, fenced, well-equipped playground or in the fellowship hall.
- **Weekly special music experience**

CLASS SIZE

All classes have one teacher and assistant. The 2 1/2 year old classes feature a low ratio of 2:10. We try to maintain 15 children in our 3 year old classes and 16 children in our 4/5 year old classes.

CLASSES FOR 2010/2011

2 1/2 YEAR OLD CLASSES (2 by 3/15/10)

Wed	9:30 a.m.—12 Noon	1 class
Mon/Tues	9:30 a.m.—12 Noon	1 class

3 YEAR OLD CLASSES (3 by 9/30/10)*

Mon/Tues	9:30 a.m.—12 Noon	1 class
Thurs/Fri	9:30 a.m.—12 Noon	2 classes
M/T/W	9:30 a.m.—12 Noon	1 class
M/T/W	1:00—3:30 p.m.	1 class

4/5 YEAR OLD CLASSES (4 by 9/30/10)*

M/T/W	9:30 a.m.—12 Noon	2 classes
W/Th/F	9:30 a.m.—12 Noon	1 class
M/T/W	1:00—3:30 p.m.	1 class
Mon-Thurs	1:00—3:30 p.m.	2 classes
Mon—Fri	9:30 a.m.—12 Noon	1 class

* Any exceptions to the above age requirements will be determined by the director based on class availability.

LUNCH BUNCH PROGRAM

A lunch bunch program will be offered on Thursdays from 12:00 Noon—1:00 p.m. beginning in October. Children will have an opportunity to enjoy lunch and story time with friends. Children in our morning program can extend their day. Children in our afternoon program can begin their day an hour early.

POTTY TRAINING

Children in the one day program do not need to be potty trained. We prefer that children in all other classes are potty-trained. Call the preschool if you have questions with regard to this preference.