

# LITTLE CHERUBS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

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## GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Our goals and objectives are best summarized in the mission statement of the preschool:

***Little Cherubs Christian Preschool is a community whose mission is to share the love of Christ with preschoolers from Cheshire Lutheran Church and the surrounding communities, providing those entrusted to her care with a sound Christian curriculum and quality learning opportunities which will assist parents in the nurturing of their child's spiritual, intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth and development.***

## REGISTRATION/ADMISSION

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool welcomes all children. We ask that our students be trained to use the toilet and able to use it independently, although we understand that "accidents do happen". According to State of Connecticut regulations, a child must be 3 years old by September 1 to be admitted.

A registration fee of \$100.00 for all enrollees is to accompany the Registration form when applying for admission to Little Cherubs Christian Preschool. A family with more than one child enrolled in the program will receive a reduced registration fee of 50% off. This fee is non-refundable.

The annual tuition fee can be paid at the time of registration, divided into two semester payments, or divided into ten monthly installments beginning the **first week of August**. Arrangements are made with the church office. If a family has more than one child enrolled in the program, the tuition rate is reduced 5% off of the younger child's tuition. Members of Cheshire Lutheran receive a 5% discount.

Tuition rates for the 2024-2025 school year are as follows.

Preschool (age 3) 2 days (Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 - 1:00) \$2,840

Pre-K (ages 4-5): 3 days (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 - 2:00) \$5,350

## SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The schedule for the 2024-2025 school year consists of a

- Preschool class is held two days a week (Tuesday, Thursday) from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Pre-K class is held three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

School begins the day after Labor Day and ends the same day as the Cheshire school system.

## DAILY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Greeting and exploration in open learning centers

Circle time (songs, calendar, introduction of theme, stories finger plays, flannel boards)

Prayer and Snack

Centers time (teacher directed & child directed learning centers)

Worship (Bible Stories and songs)

Outside play (free play, gross motor)

Lunch

Closing

Snacks and lunch are provided by parents.

Little Cherubs will produce a monthly calendar to inform parents of curriculum themes and special activities. Cheshire Lutheran Church will sponsor events, and they cordially welcome all Little Cherub families to attend. Parents are encouraged to schedule conferences with the teachers at any time to discuss concerns about their child's development or any other concerns they may have. Parents have access to the facility any time the preschool is in session.

## CURRICULUM

- The goal of our curriculum is for each child to learn what it means to be loved by God and to do what pleases God in response to God's love in Jesus. To this end, our curriculum is Christ-centered, providing the opportunity for students to grow in their relationship with God through Christian based themes within a loving Christ-centered environment.

- Little Cherubs' curriculum supports the CT Early Learning and Development Standards (CTELDS) and is tailored towards the individual needs of each child.
- The curriculum focusses on kindergarten readiness.

### **AN EARLY CHILHOOD PROGRAM - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- Curriculum supports the Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards.
- Classes for ages 3 through 5.
- Enrichment programs incorporated into the curriculum.

### Our Three-year-old Preschool program will include:

- A year of socialization and awareness of other children.
- Learning to separate from parents and learning to take direction from other adults, in a group setting.
- Simple and creative art activities which will include the enjoyment of many kinds of art medium and the opportunity to paint, paste, cut, and color.
- Listening to stories and having a chance for verbal expression through rhyming, finger-plays, and music enjoyment.
- Making choices and solving problems.
- Learning to attend to a task for short periods of time.
- Playing in a child centered room with many opportunities for creative play in fun filled centers loaded with trucks and cars, hats and dress-ups, blocks, books, art supplies and a large variety of manipulative toys for fine motor control.
- Opportunities for outdoor play, large motor development.
- Cooking experiences with the class.
- Learning in a loving Christian atmosphere which promotes a strong and positive attitude.

### Our four-year-old Pre-K program will include:

This program will include all the objectives of the three-year-old program but will also include others taking into account that each child develops at different rates and interest levels.

- Enjoyment of school, pride in oneself and in one's accomplishments.
- An expanded amount of time in preschool to utilize the variety of material offered.
- More emphasis on verbalization and being able to express good and bad feelings.
- Working cooperatively during projects, play and clean-up.

- Learning to follow directions and becoming a good listener.
- Many small group opportunities for games, creative crafts, table-top games and manipulatives.
- Basic reading readiness skills introduced, color blending, calendar fun, science exploration, patterning, sequencing, graphing.
- Awareness of oneself through learning of address, phone number, name recognition and handwriting.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE WILL EMPHASIZE THAT LEARNING AND SCHOOL ARE FUN!**

***Little Cherubs Christian Preschool admits students of any race, color, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, and athletic and other school-administered programs.***

## CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH MINISTRY TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Family Worship

Cheshire Lutheran Church (CLC) offers worship opportunities on Sundays. Often, children's sermons are incorporated into our worship service.

### Sunday School

Age-appropriate instruction is available on Sunday mornings from September through June. We encourage all learners from four years old up to 400 years old to participate in Sunday School/Bible Study.

### Vacation Bible School

During the summer, CLC offers a weeklong camp based on a biblical theme. This is a week filled with music, games, crafts, friendships, and fun! Bring your friends and their friends, too!

Feel free to call the church office at any time for help, information, or a kind word!  
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