

Willow Preschool - General Goals and Objectives

At Willow Preschool, we believe that children learn by doing and exploring the world around them. Our learning programs encourage children to learn at their own pace in settings that are friendly, supportive and FUN! Each learning program is designed to meet children's spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional needs.

In order to provide a holistic experience, we center our learning centers and circle time around educational, biblical, and holiday themes to teach children basic literacy, music, math, art, and science.

Play-learning is a vital part of our curriculum. Games, stories, creative art experiences, and dramatic play help preschoolers master new skills as they gain self-confidence. We encourage our students to be creative through words, thoughts, movement, and art. Experiences are planned to help children make decisions and problem solve, and special attention is given to developing pre-reading skills so that students can learn in a low-pressure, supportive environment.

We use "Handwriting Without Tears" for our handwriting curriculum. And our Bible curriculum is focused on basic Bible stories and concepts.

Spiritual Growth

- Introduce the love of Jesus through Chapel/Music class
- Learn simple Bible stories, songs, and prayers
- Biblical concepts of kindness and others first

Physical Growth

- Coordination of Fine Motor Skills (cutting, gluing, puzzles etc...)
- Self-help skills (potty, wash hands, blow nose)
- Gross Motor Skills (run, walk, jump)
- Ability to eat independently
- Body awareness (parts of the body)
- Daily indoor and/or outdoor play

Social/Emotional Growth

- Follow classroom rules & expectations
- Playing constructively with others
- Comfortable separation from family
- Foster friendships/Foster good manners (sharing, cooperation)
- Listening skills/following 3 step directions
- Verbally expressing needs/wants
- Proper expression of feelings

Cognitive Growth

- Alphabet/Recognition of letters/letter sounds
- Recognize/Name primary colors and basic shapes
- Counting
- Recognize first and last name/Write first and last name
- Recite first and last name and age
- Practice cutting/scissors/pencil skills
- Introduce “personal” information such as name, age, birthday(month/day) and street address
- Identify basic photographs of basic objects and their use
- Identify basic parts of the body
- Build vocabulary and early literacy skills
- Introduce sequencing, classifying, matching
- Learning rhyming and opposites
- Introduce vowels
- Introduce sight words
- Days of the week/months of the year/seasons