

Small Blessings Christian Early Care & Preschool

A Ministry of First United Methodist Church

Welcome to the Toddler room!

Here at Small Blessings we believe every life is a precious gift from God. We consider it a privilege to care for your child and strive to provide the highest quality care available. We strive to teach our toddlers independence while providing a loving, nurturing environment. We are excited to partner with you as your Toddler grows and we encourage you to build relationships with the staff in order for us to be a support to your family.

Our lead teacher, Ashley Shepherd, has been working in childcare for over 4 years. She has worked with infants and toddlers and is working towards finishing her Infant/Toddler CDA. She has an excellent understanding of developmental stages and works with each Toddler to ensure they are meeting developmental indicators. She heads up a dedicated staff who enjoy caring for these energetic toddlers.

As we are a licensed childcare, there are licensing rules and regulations that govern how we care for your Toddler. The following guidelines are in place to make sure your toddler has a smooth transition to care and that all licensing rules and regulations are met.

- Children in the Toddler room use Sippy cups. If your child brings one from home, please label it with your child's name. Children are allowed water all day.
- Parents provide lunch. Please label and date your child's lunch box. Lunch should be toddler appropriate and only take 30 seconds to prepare. Milk and water are provided.
- Small Blessings provides a morning and afternoon snack. The snack menu is posted in each room and in the parent resource area of the center.
- Diapers are checked and changed, if needed, every 2 hours. It is the parent's responsibility to provide diapers and wipes. Teachers will notify parents when the supply is running low. There is a \$5.00 diaper fee for each diaper the center provides.
- It is our policy to work in cooperation with parents when it comes time for potty training. Please talk with the teachers to decide when it is best to begin. Please provide lots of extra clothing.
- Naptime is between 12:30-2:30. Toddlers sleep on cots. We welcome all families to provide bedding from home. The bedding will be sent home the last day of your child care week. Please wash and return the bedding on the 1st return day to child care. If parents do not send in bedding from home. Small Blessings will provide bedding.
- Medication can only be administered with written authorization from the parent. The medication must be in its original container. If it is prescription medication, it must have the prescription label. If it is an over the counter medication, it must have a dosage for your toddler's age in order for us to administer it. A Medication Permission slip must be completed by a parent or guardian. *Please refer to the Parent Handbook for the complete Medication Policy.
- Each child should have at least one extra outfit.

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- Please let us know if your child will be absent. While this does not change your tuition, as tuition is based on your child's scheduled days, it does help with scheduling which keeps the cost of tuition down.

Schedule

6:00 - 8:00 am	Arrival/Freeplay
8:00 -8:15 am	Diapers
8:15-8:45 am	Activity
8:45-9:00 am	Clean up/Handwashing
9:00-9:15 am	Snack
9:15-9:30 am	Circle Time
9:30-10:00 am	Free Play
10:00-10:15 am	Diapers
10:15-10:30 am	Clean Up
10:30-11:15 am	Outside/Large Motor
11:15-11:30 am	Clean Up/Handwashing
11:30 - 12:00 am	Lunch
12:00-12:15 pm	Diapers/Handwashing
12:15-2:30 pm	Naptime
2:30-2:45 pm	Diapers/Handwashing
2:45-3:00 pm	Snack
3:00-3:30 pm	Activity
3:30-3:45 pm	Clean Up
3:45- 4:30 pm	Outside
4:30-4:45 pm	Diapers/Handwashing
4:45-6:00 pm	Departure/Free Play