

# Small Blessings Christian Early Care & Preschool

A Ministry of First United Methodist Church

## Welcome to the Preschool 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. In our Preschool room, the teachers actively prepare each child for kindergarten.

Our preschool room is led by Erin Lookingbill. Erin has been working in childcare for over 20 years and holds a Preschool CDC. Erin heads up a dedicated staff who enjoy caring for our preschoolers.

- Children in the Preschool room use water bottles for water and regular cups for snacks and lunch. If your child brings one from home, please label it with your child's name.
- Parents provide lunch. Please label and date your child's lunch box. Lunch should only take 30 seconds to prepare. Milk and water are provided. We promote eating their protein from their lunch first to foster good eating habits.
- 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.
- Children in the preschool room are potty trained but please make sure you are providing extra clothes for occasional accidents.
- Naptime is between 12:30-2:30. Preschool room children sleep on mats. 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 1<sup>st</sup> return day to child care. If parents do not send in bedding from home. Small Blessings will provide bedding. Stuffedies can be brought in for naptime only.
- 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 child'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.
- 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.
- Please send in a family photo for our Family Tree in the classroom.

We are excited to partner with you as your preschooler grows and we encourage you to build relationships with the staff in order for us to be a support to your family.

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Dear Parents,

We are excited to be partnering with you in the education of your child. In our room we will be working closely with the High Scope Curriculum, which focuses on the eight key developmental indicators in kindergarten readiness. We will highlight these key developmental indicators in specialized centers as well as during small and large group activities.

Approaches to Learning - Social/Emotional Learning, Physical Development and Health, Communication, Language and Literacy, Mathematics, Creative Arts, Science and Technology, and Social Studies.

As we partner together, we will want to communicate regularly. We will be sending home a family envelope regularly, please return them and use them to leave us notes if you need to do so. Each child will also have an art folder that will be sent home every week or so with all of their art projects. Please watch your child's daily reports as we regularly send notes through there as well pertaining to incidents, things your child may need, upcoming themes/events, daily lessons plans and more.

We are learning every day and learning can be messy, please don't send your child in their best clothes. Each child will have their own cubby spaces for bedding and extra clothes. If you send in a pillow, please make sure it isn't a full sized one so that it will fit in their cubby.

We will be teaching the following in English and Spanish: Days of the week, months of the year, numbers, and colors. They will be learning Spanish in elementary school and right now they are at the perfect age to introduce a new language. Attached is a cheat sheet for you to know the Spanish they are learning.

We will be learning our letters 4 at a time to help promote literacy skills. On Wednesdays we will have Show and Tell. They will be asked to search at home for anything that begins with that month's letters. This gives you the opportunity to work on literacy at home with your child. This is the only time that toys or items can be brought to class minus a stuffy for nap.

Each day your child will pick a job. This helps them build self sufficiency as well as beginning responsibility skills. The job chart is posted in the circle area if you are interested in knowing the jobs.

The morning section will be Preschool/Kindergarten readiness focused, the afternoon we will be doing Bible study. This helps the children get the best of both. Bible study will be a video on youtube pairing from the section of the Bible verse or story.

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We will be starting Student of the Week in October. This will be a way to highlight a child individually and learn more about each other. They will receive a poster to fill out with their answers and the opportunity to bring in photos of themselves. When it is their week they will get special surprises.

As we get to know each other, we would like to tell you a little bit about your child's teachers.

Ms. Erin has been working in child care for over 20 years. She holds her Preschool CDA and loves working with the preschoolers.

Ms. Erin, along with the assistant teachers, are excited to be working in a center where children can be taught about the love of Christ as well as a love for learning. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Spanish words:

| Days of the Week |           | Months of the Year |            | Colors |          | Numbers    |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|--------|----------|------------|
| Sunday           | Domingo   | January            | Enero      | Red    | Rojo     | 1 uno      |
| Monday           | Lunes     | February           | Febrero    | Orange | Naranja  | 2 dos      |
| Tuesday          | Martes    | March              | Marzo      | Yellow | Amarillo | 3 tres     |
| Wednesday        | Meircoles | April              | Abril      | Green  | Verde    | 4 cuatro   |
| Thursday         | Jueves    | May                | Mayo       | Blue   | Azul     | 5 cinco    |
| Friday           | Viernes   | June               | Junio      | Purple | Morado   | 6 sies     |
| Saturday         | Sabado    | July               | Julio      | Pink   | Rosa     | 7 siete    |
|                  |           | August             | Agosto     | Brown  | Cafe     | 8 ocho     |
|                  |           | September          | Septiembre | Black  | Negro    | 9 nueve    |
|                  |           | October            | Octubre    | White  | Blanco   | 10 diez    |
|                  |           | November           | Noviembre  |        |          | 11 once    |
|                  |           | December           | Diciembre  |        |          | 12 doce    |
|                  |           |                    |            |        |          | 13 trece   |
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*Ms. Erin*

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## 🌲 Forest Room Schedule 🌲

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| 6:00-8:30         | Arrival/Morning Work/Exploration Stations/Outside         |
| <b>8:30-9:15</b>  | <b>Carpet Time</b>  |
| 9:15-9:45         | AM Snack  |
| <b>9:45-10:15</b> | <b>Exploration Stations (Planning, Work, Peer Review)</b> |
| 10:15-10:30       | Clean Up/Bathroom Breaks & Hand Washing                   |
| 10:30-11:50       | Outside/Gym/Exploration Stations                          |
| 11:50-12:00       | Wash Hands  |
| 12:00-12:30       | Lunch   |
| 12:30-2:30        | Brush Teeth & Naptime                                     |
| 2:00-2:30         | Books/Quiet Tabletops (Short Nappers)                     |
| 2:30-2:45         | Wake-up/Bathroom Breaks                                   |
| 2:45-3:00         | PM Snack  |
| 3:00-3:30         | Large Groups & Bible Story                                |
| 3:30-6:00         | Outside/Gym/Exploration Stations/Departure                |