

THE SCHOOL AND ITS GOALS

The Oak Hills Christian Preschool is a ministry of the Oak Hills Christian Reformed Church.
Classes are held in the Preschool/Youth Building of the church.

Our goal is to guide each child in his/her development as God's image-bearer, while encouraging love for God and others. The program provides experiences which develop the child's creativity, social abilities, and academic readiness.

Our purpose statement is: Love God; Love Self; Love Others; Love School



The staff consists of:

3's-4's class

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4's-5's class

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Entrance Requirements:



To enter our class of 4's/5's a child must be 4 by September 1 and for the class of 3's/4's he/she must be 3 by September 1. Children need to be fully toilet trained.

Sessions and Hours:

4's/5's - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday	9:00 - 11:30 am
3's/4's - Tuesday and Thursday	9:00 - 11:30 am

School Calendar:

We follow the Beaverton Public Schools schedule for holidays and school closures.

We will be closed whenever the Beaverton schools are canceled or are on late schedule. Closures are announced between 6:00 and 7:30 a.m. on many local radio and TV stations.

Arrival and Dismissal:

We would like to request that the children arrive no more than FIVE MINUTES before the session begins in order to give the teachers adequate preparation time. It is also important for your child to be picked up promptly at the end of the session. Waiting to be picked up may cause your child to worry that he/she has been forgotten.

For safety reasons, children must be picked up at the classrooms and will be dismissed to the parent or the designated person authorized by the parent. The person picking up the preschooler is responsible for supervising the child while on the church property.



Tuition and Transportation:

Tuition for 4's/5's is \$135.00 per month and for 3's/4's is \$115.00 per month. It is due the first of each month (September - May) and can be mailed to the church address or placed in the tuition box. We require one half of the last month's tuition in addition to our September tuition. This will apply to May tuition or the last month child attends, provided that at least two weeks notice is given.

*** Please make checks payable to: Oak Hills Christian Preschool**

A \$10.00 late fee may be charged after the 10th of the month. We do not give refunds for absences, days off, or holidays.

Transportation is arranged by the parents who are free to form car pools. Please tell one of the teachers as well as provide written notification of changes regarding who will pick your child up from school. We may ask for proof of identification if someone we do not know is picking up your child.

Registration:

Registration for the following school year will be finalized the first week in December. Priority registration will be given to Oak Hills Church families, Oak Hills Christian Preschool alumni and then selection will be made by lottery. Inquiries and completed registration forms are welcome at any time. There is a \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee.

OUR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Social – Emotional Development:



Research and experience tell us that to be effective with young children, teaching practices need to be developmentally appropriate. What this means is that we as teachers need to think first about what young children are like, and then create an environment and provide experiences that are in tune with children's characteristics.

Children learn through interactive experiences, play and exploration. We strive to offer an environment where they can test their abilities, discover new possibilities, solve problems, share ideas, manipulate items, make decisions, be creative, take risks.

Children thrive when they have opportunities every day to make choices in their learning. We facilitate children's choices within a carefully planned environment to allow each child to choose activities and peers with whom they will work and play. Our children will grow in awareness of the responsibilities of being group members who share and take turns, who are kind and helpful, who respect others. Interaction with and acceptance by peers have long-term effects on a child's life. Preschoolers develop social competence in three main areas: initiating interactions, maintaining ongoing relationships, and solving conflicts with other children.

Physical Development:



Running, climbing, throwing, balancing, swinging, ball kicking, pebble digging, shouting, all happen when we go outside. We provide large motor indoor exercise and active games when we do not go outdoors due to weather.

Fine motor skills develop as our children are provided with many opportunities to refine larger motor skills. Playdough, Duplos and blocks, puzzles, cutting, drawing or scribbling on large paper provide fun, natural opportunities for fine motor development without frustration or boredom. Activities requiring finer skills such as drawing with crayons, markers and pencils or cutting out pictures and shapes are enjoyed as proficiency increases.

Intellectual Development:



Our preschoolers are curious, active learners who have individual needs, individual learning styles, and individual patterns of development. The skills – listening, speaking, writing, reading, number and letter concepts develop naturally through play, observation, discovery, experiment, and teacher modeling each day.

Our children are introduced to basic Bible truths through Bible stories, verses, drama, and songs. Christmas and Easter are celebrated with a Christian emphasis.



Math and science concepts are part of the children's play experiences with hands-on activities, stations, observations, books, conversation, teacher modeling and guidance. We encourage awareness of God's creation and keen observation of our earth and space.

Children learn a variety of skills from musical experiences. Shaking, tapping, and beating instruments enhance creativity and fine motor development. Listening for a beat, tones, and lyrics develop auditory discrimination. Children experience the emotional effects of music by listening to and creating music that is soothing, exciting, or funny.



As our children draw, paint, cut, sculpt, glue and build they think creatively, make decisions, and solve problems. Language is developed as the children talk about color, shape, size, and as they describe their work to friends and others.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parent/Teacher Communication:

We want to stay in close contact with you. Feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time (outside class hours unless urgent). The best time to reach us is between 11:45 am to 1:30 pm. A good way for you to see how your child is doing, and what is going on in the classroom, is to spend time as a volunteer aide.

Health:

The best place for a sick child is at home in the care of mom or dad. If you think your youngster may be ill, check with the doctor before sending him or her off to school.



Some signs of illnesses are:

fever	bad cough	diarrhea
nausea or vomiting	earache or headache	sore throat
runny nose	rash	sneezing and coughing

Please do not allow your child to return to school until he/she has been free of a fever for 24 hours. Should your child become ill during the morning we will provide care until you are able to pick him/her up. Please inform us if your child has contracted a contagious disease, and we will inform you if exposure to a contagious disease has occurred at school.

Please check with your physician to be sure your child's immunizations are up to date, and return the forms as soon as possible.

Appropriate School Clothing:

Please dress your child for the weather. We will go outside whenever possible so hats and mittens may be needed. Please label all sweaters and outdoor clothing. Play clothes are recommended for everyday wear because, in addition to outdoor play, we will be painting (in paint shirts, but spotting is still possible), cooking, etc. We encourage you to send your child in rubber-soled shoes for safety on the play equipment.

- ◆ We ask each child to bring change of clothing (in case of an accident) **marked clearly with the child's name.**

Birthdays:

A birthday is a very special occasion for the young child. If your child's birthday falls on or near a school day, he/she will be recognized as the "Happy Birthday Child". Children with summer birthdays will be given a pretend date called an "un-birthday", and will receive the same recognition. We encourage your child to bring treats to share with the class on his/her birthday or un-birthday. Also we ask that your child bring a favorite book to read during our snack time that is short enough to keep the attention of the group during snack.



4 & 5 year old Stay & Play Program:

In an effort to further minister to preschoolers and their families, we are providing an **optional** extended 4-5 year old school day. The program is from 11:30 am – 1 pm on Wednesdays and will begin Wednesday, October 3rd.

The fee for Stay & Play is \$8 per child per day and is **payable at sign-up.**

Please note: There will be no stay & play on days that we have field trips or parent/teacher conferences.

