

## **Explore and Discover Preschool**

- Explore and Discover Preschool is a part-time teaching ministry of First United Methodist Church, dedicated to 3- 4-, and 5- year olds. We are committed to providing quality Christian early childhood education in a loving and creative atmosphere. It is the goal of our professional, dedicated staff to nurture, guide, and instruct children while preparing for their future education. Our teaching philosophy is rooted in the theory of child development. Your child's intellectual, social, physical, emotional, and spiritual development is emphasized in our instruction and activities. We are dedicated to the idea that learning is a positive and ongoing experience full of fun and creativity.
- We follow the Bentonville Public School calendar; however, we start the week of Labor Day, end the week before Memorial Day, and do not make up snow days.
- Explore and Discover Preschool is a State Accredited preschool through the Better Beginnings program. Better Beginnings qualifications are standards above the basic state licensing requirements—[click here](#) for more information.

### **Contact**

- Administrative Director and Board President, Carole Dalton  
479-273-2712 ext. 215  
cd.dalton@att.net
- You may contact the Director, Carole Dalton, if you would like to add your child to our waiting list or schedule a tour.
- School year begins the week of Labor Day and ends the Friday before Memorial Day.
- Registration is held February-March for the following school year.

### **Class Offerings, Tuition and Fees**

- **3-year-olds class:**
  - Tuesdays/Thursdays
  - 8:00AM - 12:00PM
  - 2 teachers/15 children
  - Must turn 3 by August 1st
  - Must be potty trained
- Tuition & Fees:
  - \$135.00 per month
  - \$75 registration/supply fee per child.
- **4-year-olds class:**
  - Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays
  - M/F 8:00AM - 12:00PM
  - Wed. 8:00AM - 2:00PM
  - 2 teachers/18 children
  - Must turn 4 by August 1st
- Tuition & Fees
  - \$210.00 per month
  - \$75 registration/supply fee per child.

### **Daily Schedule for 3s and 4s\***

- 8:00 Gathering Time
- 8:15 Welcome/Circle Time
- 8:25 Explore & Discover Time (free-choice centers) and Small Group instruction
- 9:45 Music & Movement/Large Group Activity
- 10:00 Snack
- 10:15 Story Time
- 10:30 Outside Play
- 11:00 Explore & Discover Time (free-choice centers) and Small Group instruction
- 11:50 Review & Pack Up
- 12:00 Dismissal

\*Wednesday's schedule includes lunch, a second outside play time, and rest time with dismissal at 2:00PM for the 4s class.

### **Classroom**

Our classroom is set up in learning centers: Dramatic Play, Home Living, Blocks, Dollhouse, Art, Sensory, Math & Science, Hands-on Manipulatives, Reading Library, and Music. Each centers' activities provide open-ended learning experiences allowing children to make choices, move freely and independently, and grow in an interactive process. Our Curriculum is aligned with the AR Kindergarten Readiness Frameworks and is state approved. During one of our daily Explore and Discover (free-choice centers) times the teacher will also offer a small group activity that focuses on one or more of the Kindergarten Readiness skills.

### **Faith in the Classroom**

Once a week, a member of the staff from the First United Methodist Church meets with the children for Chapel Time and shares an interdenominational Christian message through story, song, or prayer. Prayers of thanksgiving are shared prior to snack and lunch times.

### **Staff**

Our Director and Teachers are trained early-childhood educators with college backgrounds. They participate in 20+ hours annually of continuing education and professional development to stay abreast of current educational and childcare methods and practices.