

## **Explore and Discover Preschool**

- Explore and Discover Preschool is dedicated to providing quality Christian early childhood education in a fun, 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 September-May.
- Explore and Discover Preschool is an Arkansas Accredited preschool through the Better Beginnings program. Better Beginnings qualifications are standards above the basic state licensing requirements.

### **Contact**

- Administrative Director : Carole Dalton  
[cd.dalton@att.net](mailto:cd.dalton@att.net)
- Registration is held February-March for the following school year. If you would like to be placed on our waiting list or schedule a tour, please contact us at any time.

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

- **3-year-olds class:**
  - Tuesdays/Thursdays
  - 8:00AM - 12:00PM
  - 2 teachers/16 children
  - Must turn 3 by August 1st to be on track for kindergarten
  - Must be potty trained
- Tuition & Fees:
  - \$165.00 per month
  - \$75 non-refundable registration/activity fee per child at time of registration and \$75 supply fee in January.
- **4-year-olds class:**
  - Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays
  - 8:00AM - 12:00PM
  - 2 teachers/16 children
  - Must turn 4 by August 1st to be on track for kindergarten
  - Must be potty trained.
- Tuition & Fees
  - \$245.00 per month
  - \$75 non-refundable registration/activity fee per child at time of registration and \$75 supply fee in January.

### **Daily Schedule for Classes**

- 8:00 Gathering Time
- 8:15 Welcome/Circle Time
- 8:25 Explore & Discover Time (free-choice centers) & 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) & Small Group instruction
- 11:50 Review & Pack-Up
- 12:00 Dismissal

### **Classroom**

Our classroom is set up in learning centers: Dramatic Play/Home Living, Blocks, Imaginative Play, Art, Sensory Table, Math & Science, Hands-on Manipulatives, Reading Library, and Music. Each center's 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 Early Learning Standards/Kindergarten readiness and is state approved. During at least one of our daily Explore and Discover times (free-choice centers) the teacher will also offer a small group activity that focuses on one or more of the Kindergarten readiness skills or concepts.

### **Faith in the Classroom**

Once a week, children will meet for Chapel Time and share an interdenominational Christian message through story, song, and prayer. Prayers of thanksgiving are shared at the start and/or end of the day and prior to snack time.

### **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. All staff are CPR certified and must pass state and federal background checks.

Director: Carole Dalton

4's Lead Teacher: Sherri MacLean

4's Asst. Teacher: Wilma Bagwell

3's Lead Teacher: Stephanie Leas

3's Asst. Teacher: Emily Hulsey