

Bethlehem Preschool & Child Care



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Our Philosophy

Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool believes God made each child unique and special, therefore, individuality is encouraged. Children learn best through play and by developmentally appropriate activities with a wide variety of materials. At Bethlehem we focus on the development of the whole child. We believe that when we enroll a child, their entire family becomes a part of our extended preschool family. Our school provides a warm and loving environment where children can develop to their fullest potential physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually and spiritually. We believe that social confidence and a sense of independence is an integral part of academic success.

Our Staff

All staff members are DPI licensed or State Certified Early Childhood Teachers. All teachers are required to participate in continuing education courses on a yearly basis. Our staff is dedicated to the Christian faith and possesses nurturing qualities and a true love of children. Our staff is dedicated to ensuring the best experience for our preschoolers and their families.

Our Curriculum

Our theme based curriculum includes:

- Family outreach Programs
- Social/Emotional Curriculum
- Faith Development in young children
- Weekly Music Curriculum designed and taught by our in house Music Teacher
- Field trips: farm, theater, planetarium
- Arts and crafts: creative self expression, projects
- Literacy: story time, creative storytelling
- Numeracy: patterning, sorting, counting
- Science: plants, magnets, weather, exploration
- Special Celebrations: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter
- Large muscle activity: running, walking, jumping, and climbing both inside & outdoors in our fenced in playground
- Small motor activity: cutting, pasting, playdo
- Social Studies: meeting new friends and community helpers, holidays, vocations

Our Classes

3K

We have two options for three-year-olds (Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs). An optional Friday class may be added to either session (see *Additional Programs*). Class runs from 8:45- 11:45 a.m. each day. Children must be 3 years old by September 1st to register for this class. Curriculum will include social skill building, shapes, letters and numbers, art experiences, sensory experiences, music, science, and large and fine motor skill development.

4K

We are a 4K partner with the Kettle Moraine school district however, we also accept private pay students. Our 4K class is offered 4 mornings per week (Monday – Thursday). Children enrolled in this class must be 4 by September 1st. Enrollment for KM students, takes place through the school district. This class is designed to prepare children with the social and academic skills needed to succeed in Kindergarten. Children will develop early reading and skills as well as continue their development through experiences with art, music, science and small and large motor development.

Music & Movement

Our Music & Movement Class is a class for children age 18 months – 3 years and their caregiver. Each session is constructed to bring success to your child's learning experiences. There will be repetition to all sessions to ensure that your child has a feeling of accomplishment and mastery. We will be working in a group so cooperation between child and caregiver will be a key part of your child's learning during this class. Experiencing cooperative play is key to preschool readiness. This class is offered on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 9:00 – 9:45.

Fabulous Faith Fridays

An optional enrichment day for any student enrolled in our Three-year-old **or** 4K classes. This is a combined age class for 3 – 5 year olds. This class is a great addition to any child's school experience. Class time is 8:45 – 11:45 a.m. with before and after school care available.

Additional Programs

Before and After School Care



We offer Before and After School Care services from 7:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. each day that school is in session. These hours, while structured, offer the children time for lunch, play, rest and exploration in our bright, beautiful Child Care classroom. The rate for After School is \$6.75 per hour. Before School is a flat rate per morning.

Wales 4K After School Care

We have partnered with Wales Elementary and Dousman Transport to provide After School services to students enrolled in the morning 4K session at Wales. The bus will bring the students down to Bethlehem upon their dismissal from 4K. We are open for care until 6:00 p.m. There is a 2 day per week minimum.

Why choose Bethlehem?

Family Values: Our staff and teaching philosophies reflect those common to families with young children. We believe the whole family becomes a part of our school, not just the child.

Communication: At Bethlehem Preschool we value communication with families. We feel that getting to know your family unit and circumstances allows us to better meet the needs of each individual child.

Individualized Learning: All children learn in unique ways and at their own pace. Our small classes allow our teachers to help set and meet individual learning targets.

Family Events: Our school year is full of whole family events that include a Christmas program, Grandparent's Luncheon, and year end family program.