

"God has a purpose for me."

Bellingham Christian School Preschool Program



Program	Days	Times	Ages*
Two Day	TTh	9:00-11:40	3½ and up
Three Day	MWF	9:00-11:40	4 and up
Five Day	MTWTF	9:00-11:40	4 and up

*Age as of August 31st.

What will my child learn about God?

As we teach Old and New Testament Bible stories and songs about God and His Son, Jesus our savior, we are mindful of two things:

- Each child is a unique image-bearer of God and
- God has a special plan and purpose for each child.

Our goal is to honor God by nurturing a love for Him, a thankful heart, and kindness to others using Bible stories, songs and poems.

What are the academic objectives of the classes?

Our overall goal for all classes is to nurture a life-long love for learning in each child, and to provide an opportunity for play and learning in a safe, caring environment.

In all classes, we seek to provide learning experiences to develop large and small motor skills and to establish a positive foundation for pre-reading and reading skills, art, and math.

In the pre-kindergarten (ages 4 and up) classes, we begin to develop an awareness of the sounds of spoken words (known as phonological awareness) through a variety of hands-on activities that provide practice with rhyme, beginning sounds, and syllables, including nursery rhymes, songs, poems and read-aloud books.

"Research has shown that a child's awareness of the sounds of spoken words is a strong predictor of his or her later success in learning to read" (International Reading Association).

What happens on an average day?

An average day begins with "Circle Time," where the children gather to participate in large group activities, stories, learning, and songs. We begin Circle Time with prayer, the flag salute, and a Bible story every day.

After Circle Time the children have an opportunity to participate in centers. Our centers include literacy, math, play dough, writing, a book tent, quiet toys, puzzles, building toys, blocks, and puppets. This is also the time when the children have the opportunity to work on art projects.

One of the highlights of each week is the PE class, taught by a PE specialist. The children also enjoy going to the school library every week to hear a story and check out books.

We finish our day with recess, snack, show and tell, and a story. Parents, grandparents, and siblings are always welcome in our class. Every day we endeavor to show each child and his or her parents God's love and grace.



Please call for current tuition costs or to schedule a classroom observation. 733-7303