

# Sonshine Preschool

Christian Education Since 1971

## Information Packet

2017-2018



## Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Sonshine Preschool is to provide educational and creative opportunities for children in order to accomplish growth spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically. We accomplish this by providing competent, certified and engaged adults who interact with children daily, supporting their cognitive, language, physical, and social and emotional growth through engaging materials, activities, and positive adult-child interactions throughout a daily routine.

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## Goals:

### Children will grow socially and emotionally by learning

to.....

Listen

Follow simple directions

Think for themselves

Make personal choices

Express feelings in socially acceptable ways

Share ideas, thoughts, and feelings with the group

Feel secure away from home

Make new friends

Work both individually and in a group

Take turns

Share

Cooperate as a group

Expanding their minds by trying new things

Gaining confidence from success

### Children will grow physically and mentally by.....

Developing large and small muscle coordination

Strengthening balance, motor skills, and coordination

Developing language skills

Working creatively with their hands

### Children will grow spiritually by.....

Practicing prayer at meals and snacks

Hearing age-appropriate Bible stories and devotions

Celebrating major Christian holidays

Each month learning and practicing a Fruit of the Spirit

Sonshine Preschool students spend a large part of their day within their classrooms involved in a daily routine that includes:

- \*art activities that stimulate creative thinking
- \*devotions
- \*free time for imaginative play
- \*story time
- \*circle time devoted for sharing and learning as a group
- \*center activities
- \*science activities

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## Some Sonshine Monthly Themes:

### **March:**

Fruit of the Spirit: Empathy/Gentleness/Self Control

Theme: Sensational Spring (Weather and Senses)

Shape: Shamrock

Color: Green

Number: 7

Safety: 911/ Weather Safety

Cultural: Irish

### **April:**

Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness/ Manners

Theme: New Beginnings/ Animals/ Flowers

Shape: Oval

Color: Blue

Number: 8 & 9

Safety: Animal

Cultural: African

### **May:**

Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness

Theme: Race to the finish/ Graduation/ Kentucky Derby

Shape: Octagon

Color: Purple

Number: 10

Safety: Summer/ Water/ Boats

Cultural: Mexican

**Sonshine Preschool is a peanut and tree nut free school and any item containing peanuts/tree nuts will not be served.**

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## Enrollment:

Sonshine Preschool does not discriminate on the basis of national origin, ancestry, or gender, in accordance with state law. Nondenominational Christian values and attitudes will be practiced through the curriculum.

The age requirements for enrollment are:  
2 year old students must be 2 before August 1 of this year  
3 year old students must be 3 before August 1 of this year  
4 year old students must be 4 before August 1 of this year

A registration fee is paid by all students at the time of enrollment. This fee is non-refundable.



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## Hours of Operation:

SSP is open from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and operates September - May with the exception of Christmas Break, Spring Break and specified holidays

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## Tuition:

\*Tuition for children enrolled two days per week is \$1395.00. Every student is required to pay a \$100.00 registration fee upon registering. Tuition payments during the school year will be nine equal monthly installments of \$155.00 each, due the 1st day of each month.

\*Tuition for children enrolled in the enrichment day is an additional \$25.00 registration fee upon registering (\$125). Tuition payments during the school year will be an additional \$30.00/month, due the 1st day each month.

- \*calendar time
- \*multicultural programming

Sonshine Preschool believes that it is essential to expose our students to the arts and science therefore we offer supplemental classes that consist of Music and Movement, Art Express, and S.T.E.M. Our "Specials" teachers are specially trained in these disciplines.

Music and Movement incorporates Bible stories with songs, instruments and dance. This class is a whole child music and movement program that engages children in age-appropriate activities designed to further their intellectual, artistic and spiritual growth. Students learn songs, rhythm and tonal patterns and stories. Music awakens and stimulates neural pathways in the brain that are associated with higher forms of intelligence, such as abstract thinking, empathy, mathematics and science. Music's melodic and rhythmic patterns provide exercise for the brain and help develop memory. Music immerses the student in language, evokes movement, stimulates the brain and fosters physical coordination- all in a group sitting that builds community - a holistic experience. It is an excellent beginning to a musical foundation for musical literacy, a lifetime of musical enjoyment, and beginning understandings of Bible stories.

Sonshine Preschool believes that art should be an integral part of every early childhood program. Art enhances the development of a wide range of perceptual, physical, language, cognitive, and social-emotional skills. The arts are also valuable in and of themselves, developing aesthetic judgment and bringing personal satisfaction. Art is an integral part of everyday life. It is important to expose children to the universal language of art and to build their appreciation of individuality, beauty, and history as well as having fun creating and learning.

Children's natural art abilities unfold when adults provide equipment, materials and encouragement. The statement - the process is more important than the product is our belief in this art enrichment program ART EXPRESS. The ART EXPRESS curriculum teaches the elements of art - building blocks of art work. These elements are - line, shape, form, space, texture, value and color. Artists manipulate these elements, mix them in with principles of design and compose a piece of art. Each student will participate within an ART EXPRESS class during their preschool day.

Most early childhood programs focus exclusively on young children creating art. However, Sonshine Preschool also wants to emphasize the importance of appreciating art. The arts also present opportunities to involve families and connect children to the artists,

art venues, and culture in their community. The Sonshine Preschool arts curriculum will expose our students to the various aspects of art.

"Scientific knowledge is cumulative: To learn new things, you must build on what you already know. So, it's important that your child start learning early..."- U.S. Department of Education. The acronym STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Science should be introduced in preschool to build a foundation for future learning and scientific understanding. The preschool child is naturally curious. Their curiosity makes this the perfect time to answer questions and help them create an understanding of how the world works. These young and curious students are able to dive into topics such as physics, biology and chemistry. Our S.T.E.M teacher will visit each classroom for approximately 25 minutes each day. Correct scientific terminology will be used- just like learning any other word; the more the child hears it the more they will understand. Each student will be provided multiple experiences on the same topic in order to gain understanding. Doing one experiment or project will not bring understanding. It is the repetition of a topic in different forms that will help the children learn. Oftentimes, doing the same project or experiment multiple times is also beneficial, it allows the preschool child to revisit what they know and gain deeper understanding and confidence. The STEM curriculum will include some of the following topics: weather, health and the human body, sink/float, environment, states of matter, etc.