

2023-2024 Classes & Costs:

3 Year Old & Pre-k Classes

3-year old classes

Child must be 3 years old by September 15
Non-refundable registration deposit. \$100.00
MTW.....9:00-11:30 a.m.....\$180.00
MTW.....12:30-3:00 p.m.....\$180.00

Pre-Kindergarten classes (4-5 years old)

Child must be 4 years old by September 15
Non-refundable program fee.....\$75.00
MTWTh.....8:45-11:45 a.m.....\$Free*
MTWTh.....12:30-3:30 p.m.....\$Free*

* Funded by Statewide Voluntary Preschool
Program in partnership with West Des
Moines Community Schools

Young 2 Year Old & 2 Year Old Classes

Young 2-year old classes

Child must be 18 months old by
September 1, and be able to walk
independently and drink from a cup
without a lid

Non-refundable registration deposit. \$100.00
M/W or T/Th.....9:00-11:30 a.m..... \$160.00

2-year old class

Child must be 2 years old by September 15
Non-refundable registration deposit. \$100.00
MTW.....9:00-11:30 a.m.....\$215.00
ThF.....9:00-11:30 a.m.....\$160.00

*All student/teacher ratios meet Iowa
Department of Health and Human Services
Guidelines*

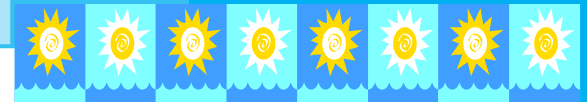
We know that learning is all around us—watch the beautiful budding trees so fresh and brand new. Each child is unique and beautifully different, just as each new bud is on a tree. We are so privileged to work with young children and to share in their tenderness. We accept this responsibility with great joy.



Snack time!

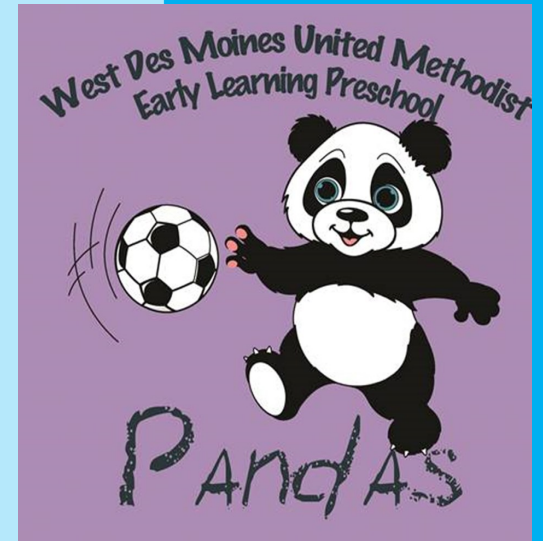


Play Time!

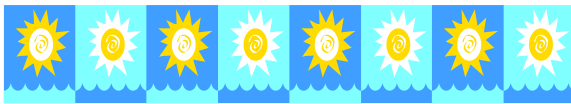


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Our Mission Statement

To provide an educational program and services to support the child's cognitive, physical, emotional, social, and spiritual development while learning through play and creative art activities in a safe, secure, Christian learning environment.

Our Objectives

The objectives of our program will include—

- * Administrative expertise
- * Trained, dedicated staff and personnel
- * Continued staff development and training
 - * Efficient facility
 - * Health and safety provisions
 - * Nutritional snack
- * Parenting education and involvement
- * Positive Behavior Support Approach
- * Character Counts! For Early Childhood
- * Researched based Creative Curriculum and GOLD Assessment
 - * Income based Preschool Panda Scholarship available
- * Compliance with Iowa Department of Health and Human Services Licensing Requirements
 - * Compliance with Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards
 - * Compliance with Quality Rating System
 - * Compliance with Infant and Toddler and Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scales
- * Partnership with West Des Moines Community Schools by providing Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Pre-k (4-5 year old) students

Our Programs

The Preschool has been enriching the lives of children for over 50 years. In our program careful planning and a loving atmosphere are provided for your child. He or she will meet new friends, have experiences full of fun, success and challenges to grow socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively. Hopefully, through these activities your child will develop his or her talents and self-awareness, leading to a good self-concept and a positive feeling of "I can do it!"



Our classrooms

The activities provided will be varied. Some will seem like play—but remember play is very important work to the child. Play is the way children learn and practice the skills of life. These will include:

- Learning to relate to others
- Sharing
- Enjoying playing alone
- Respecting others
- Respecting belongings

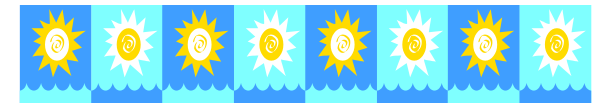
Our classrooms are set up with centers such as art, dramatic play, blocks, reading, science, math, and manipulatives.

Activities in Preschool include Open House, Parent and Family Nights, field trips (Pre-k classes), visitors and speakers, Holiday and End-of-the-Year Programs (3 Year Old & Pre-k classes), End-of-the-Year Outdoor Day (Young 2, 2, and 3 Year Old classes), and conferences.



Teaching will include:

- Listening to new ideas
- Following directions
- Knowing the fun of creating something wonderful and beautiful through daily art experiences
- Listening to literature through which ears and eyes will record adventures and stories that will enhance imagination
- Singing songs and reciting finger plays



Our Teachers

In all aspects of our program we strive to provide careful planning and a loving atmosphere to help your child grow. We are aware of the awesome responsibility that we have in providing an early, positive school environment for your child. Our teachers have many years of experience teaching young, active children.

Our Calendar

Our program runs from the first day after Labor Day through mid-May, with holiday breaks that coincide with the public school calendar.

Welcome! Welcome!

We think parents are an important part of our school. We encourage you to participate in any way you can. We would love to have you help out in the classroom.

Some ways to volunteer include chaperoning Pre-k 4-5 Year Old class field trips, helping out during special events, sharing a profession, talent or hobby, or reading a book to your child's class.

Please call in advance to schedule first time visits to be sure that the director is available and the children are not on a field trip.

*Amy Borness,
Director of Early
Learning
Preschool*

