#### **BACKGROUND**

Christ Ascension Preschool (CAPS) is committed to having an exceptional preschool designed to meet the needs of both children and their families.

Through activities such as music, play, academics, stories, and nature exploration, the children are exposed to a variety of experiences designed to foster a positive attitude toward learning as well as basic christian values like sharing and friendship.

#### **PROGRAMS**

## **Toddlers and Twos Programs**

For many children, this is the first "group" play situation away from their families. While socialization and fun are the primary goals, we further children's learning with introductions to the seasons of the year, holidays, weather, colors, shapes, and numbers. This is accomplished through singing, dancing, stories and crafts. It is amazing how much children learn while having fun!

# Three-Year-Old Program

In our three-year-old classroom, our program is structured to introduce academic readiness skills such as letter, number, shape and color recognition, social/emotional, learning, fine motor skill development and extended language and communication skills. This is done through real world exploration and experimentation. In our three-year-old program, your child will not only practice letters, and will have received a firm foundation in math, knowing numbers from 1-20 in several forms, but will also gain a greater understanding of themselves and the world around them.

# Four-Year-Old and Pre-k Program

The four-year-old program is designed to further enhance your child's readiness skills. Play takes on a more detailed structure, focusing on both auditory and visual discrimination tasks related directly to the reading experience. Self-initiated activities are balanced with centers specifically geared for skill building e.g. music, science, and math.

As the year progresses, the group also focuses on the formal introduction of reading and letter writing within a developmentally appropriate framework.

#### **AFTERNOONS**

Five days a week we offer an extended lunch/activity session. Children, who join us for Lunch Bunch, bring their lunch to school and can stay until 3 p.m. During that time, they eat lunch and enjoy a variety of activities, (creative art, and play in the giant playroom or outside playground). Lunch Bunch, like all our programs, offers flexibility in that you may enroll for one or all days your child is at school.

#### **FAMILIES**

Families are an integral part of CAPS. Parents are encouraged to take an active part in their child's experiences in several ways. We welcome volunteers for field trips and during special times of our school year, (e.g. Christmas show, picture day). Christ Ascension also offers monthly events for families to come into the school to meet each other and the children. These include class parties, school wide presentations and "kids' night out".

### **SCHEDULE**

School opens just after Labor Day in September and runs into June. Classes begin at 9:00 am and dismiss at 12:00 noon, with additional options for early drop off at 8:30 am and a lunch bunch extended day available until 3:00 pm.

### **FEES**

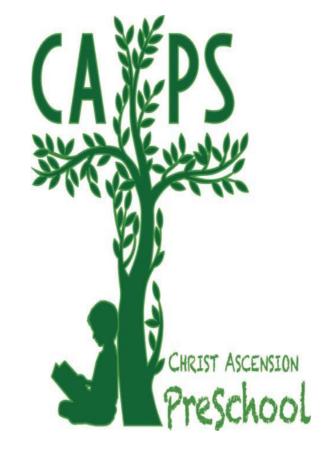
There is a **non-refundable** registration fee. Tuition, registration, and activity fees are adjusted annually. Please see the application for the current rates.

## **EXTRAS**

Each year Christ Ascension strives to offer extra events that help set us apart. Following are just a few of our annual events:

Apple Picking
Halloween Parade
Thanksgiving Luncheon
Breakfast with Santa
Parents' Night Out
St. Paddy's with our Daddies
Elmwood Zoo Trip
Mother's Day Tea
Strawberry Picking

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