



Elmbrook Church Child Enrichment Center

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The 3 year-old Experience

The staff and administration highly value family support and participation. It is our hope to develop a successful partnership with you as we work with your three year old. What an exciting age of growth and development.

What we know about 3 year old development is that . . .

- *Children are gaining independence and autonomy. They are forming their self-concept.
Children are encouraged to dress themselves, use the bathroom, wash their hands, and help care for their Classroom.
- *Children feel safe and secure in consistent environments that provide healthy limits.
Our Caring and professional staff is trained in planning age-appropriate activities. The consistent routine and safe Classroom expectations help the children feel secure. Positive discipline techniques are used.
- *Children are ready to experience a school setting.
The children see for themselves what fun school is. They learn to follow directions, participate during large and small group times, clean up supplies, share and take turns, form a line, and use polite manners.
- *Children learn about God's love through the love from important people in their lives.
Through Bible stories, songs, prayer, and example, our Christian Education strives to teach children that God is love, God loves each one of us, and we can love God and others.
- *Children are continuing to acquire social skills.
We value the friendships children establish with their peers and model problem solving techniques. We encourage the use of kind words, cooperative play, and a respectful classroom community.
- *Children's language ability is rapidly expanding.
Language development is supported through songs, finger plays, stories, group time participation, letter recognition, sound recognition, vocabulary words, children's names, and book handling skills.
- *Children's bodies are changing and growing.
The use of manipulatives, playdough, art tools, gym equipment, and the playground all strengthen the child's fine motor and gross motor development.
- *Children are at an exciting stage cognitively. Children are curious, creative, and active learners.
Through thematic units, teachers plan activities that challenge children's development. Children may choose from many regularly changing hands-on learning centers within their classroom.

...Showing to the generations to come the praises of the Lord...

Psalm 78:4