

Grace Weekday Preschool is a Christian-based developmental program. We use developmentally appropriate units of study and activities to arouse curiosity and create wonder in a natural and playful environment. Each day provides opportunities for both teacher-guided and child-initiated activities.

Daily lessons include hands-on STEM activities, stories, music, art, and abundant playtime to facilitate socialization among peers. Children at all age levels are encouraged to explore, question, and create at their own pace. The 4-year-old program also focuses on kindergarten readiness skills.

Each of our classrooms is designed as a learning center, offering students a unique "hands-on" learning adventure. Children rotate daily with their class to a different classroom/center, which enhances that day's lessons. Our centers include:

**Book Nook** ~ Our school library is home to over 1,800 books, a listening center, and a writing center. The library is equipped with resources to enhance children's pre-reading, pre-writing, and listening skills. Within the Book Nook is a lending section devoted entirely to our Beginning Book Worms (a check-out system for students ages 3 and older).

**Construction Zone** ~ The Construction Zone is a spacious room where children may explore and create individually or in small groups, using a variety of resources. Favorites include Duplo, wooden blocks, waffle blocks, magnetic tiles, puzzles, games, and gears table.

**Math Station** ~ This center contains manipulatives designed to teach math concepts such as counting, sequencing, and shape/size/number recognition. A large rice table for measuring and scooping is a classroom favorite.

**Discovery Depot** ~ Our science center is an exciting place for children to explore nature and the world around them. Resources within this center encourage the use of all five senses and include a sensory bin, microscopes, pet care center, magnets, and magnifying glasses, to name just a few!

**Pretend Den** ~ This center allows children to explore various adult roles in the family and community. Dress-up clothes are available for use in the pretend kitchen, living room, laundry room, and nursery.

**Art Alley** ~ This large room is devoted entirely to getting MESSY! Both teachers and students have fun exploring many art mediums and techniques throughout the year. Multi-sensory art projects include painting with shaving cream, painting on easels, spin art, and many other techniques to encourage individual creativity.

**Music & Movement** ~ Children meet with our music teacher two or three times a week (depending on the number of days enrolled) to sing developmentally appropriate songs, use rhythmic instruments, and learn simple movements. Both Christian and seasonal songs are implemented, as well as special songs geared toward individual classroom curriculum. Additionally, Friday classes meet for an end of the week "Group Sing" activity.

**Playground** ~ An outdoor favorite! Weather permitting, children play outside daily. Gross motor activities are provided indoors in case of inclement weather.

## What makes our preschool special?

- ~ Caring, nurturing teachers
- ~ Low student-teacher ratios
- ~ Small class sizes
- ~ Weekly Chapel
- ~ Music & Movement for all classes
- ~ Library "Beginning Book Worms" Program
- ~ Lunch Bunch, an extended day opportunity for 3- and 4-year-olds
- ~ Music & More, an extended day opportunity for 4-year-olds
- ~ Fitness & Fun, an extended day opportunity for 4-year-olds
- ~ Special events throughout the school year strengthen the home-school connection. These include:
  - Visits From Community Helpers
    - Firefighters
    - Police
    - Dentist
    - Librarian
  - Off-Site Field Trips for 4-year-olds
  - On-Site Field Trips
  - Thanksgiving Feast
  - Christmas Nativity Pageant
  - Christmas Puppet Show
  - Donuts with Dad/Mother's Day Tea
  - End-of-Year Evening Event
  - Last Day of School Fun Fair

## Parents Are Always Welcome!

There are many volunteer opportunities within our school. In addition to specific requests by the classroom teachers, parent meetings, held during preschool hours, provide families the opportunity to socialize and work together on school-wide events.

Parents and children are encouraged to visit our school, explore our centers, and experience firsthand the many resources that inspire creativity and learning. Tours are available by appointment.

Grace Weekday Preschool follows the Fairfax County Public Schools calendar, unless otherwise noted.

A former parent writes of our program:

"My experience as a parent at Grace Weekday Preschool was absolutely wonderful! I saw my daughter grow and blossom socially, academically, and spiritually. The teachers and staff were phenomenal and very accommodating. They were attentive to the needs of all the children. The teachers and staff also laid a solid foundation for good work habits, study skills, and character education that will last forever. Grace Weekday Preschool was a very friendly and happy place. It possesses the warmth and love that God wants us to have and experience in our lives."

~F. A. White

Please visit our website at:

[www.gracepresby.org](http://www.gracepresby.org)

(click on preschool)

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## Grace Weekday Preschool

Established in 1956, Grace Weekday Preschool is an outreach ministry of Grace Presbyterian Church to families of the church congregation and the surrounding community. Our primary focus is to foster the social, emotional, intellectual, physical, and spiritual growth in young children. Recognizing that growth occurs in individual ways, every effort is made to ensure each child's development of a positive self-image and an awareness of his/her own uniqueness as one of God's children. While children of all faiths and cultures are welcome, Grace Weekday Preschool emphasizes Christian faith and values.

All teachers of the school are experienced in preschool education and/or have a degree/credentials from an accredited college or university. Teachers participate in annual continuing education classes. Our teachers are loving, nurturing, and dedicated to the safety and well-being of each child.

## PROGRAM

Two-Year-Old\* Classes  
2-day T/Th, W/F

Three-Year-Old\* Classes  
3-day\*\* M/W/F

Four-Year-Old\* Classes  
4-day\*\* M-Th  
5-day\*\* M-F

\*Your child must be the required age by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

\*\*Your child must be daytime toilet-trained.

## SCHOOL HOURS

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



## Grace Weekday Preschool

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