

## FAQs

- **What is a play based preschool?**

Children learn best through play. Play develops many skills that are important for children to be successful in school. Play allows children to make observations and connections that are meaningful.

Play can come in many forms including imaginary play (dress up), open ended activities (building with blocks), or more defined activities (puzzles). For example, building with blocks will help children learn about spatial relationships including learning to judge distance, space, and size. This can lead to success in math and science in the elementary years. Playing with small interlocking blocks will develop small muscle control that is needed for learning to write. Having a variety of options for play is essential for later accomplishment.

- **What is meant by "Christian preschool?"**

The Learning Center is a Christian preschool. That means that God and His word are a vital part of our curriculum. Each class has a dedicated Bible time each day. During this time the class engages in an interactive and age appropriate Bible story which includes a Bible verse and songs. We begin the year with the story of creation and then other Old Testament stories including Noah and Moses. During December we focus on the birth of Jesus and continue to learn about life of Jesus throughout the second half of the year. Our Bible curriculum is designed to build on the Bible stories each year. The Bible stories are not limited to Bible time but are included throughout the day through art, sensory play, and story time.

- **Do children have opportunities for large muscle and outdoor play?**

All classes do have scheduled time on our playground, weather permitting. In case of rain or extreme cold we have access to the gymnasium with trikes, scooters, and other toys.

- **What qualifications do your teachers have?**

In our preschool classes, all our lead teachers are required to have a degree in early childhood or elementary education though currently, many of our classes have two teachers with degrees in education.

- **What is the difference between Junior Explorers and Junior Preschool?**

Junior Explorers and Junior Preschool are simply names for our three year old classes. The two classes have similar schedules, follow the same Bible curriculum, and will cover the same skills throughout the year.

- **What is the difference between Senior Preschool and Senior Explorers?**

Senior Preschool and Senior Explorers are simply names for our four year old classes. The two classes have similar schedules, follow the same Bible curriculum, and will cover the same skills throughout the year. Both classes teach a letter of the week and have different themes throughout the year.

- **What makes Transitional Kindergarten different from the Pre-Kindergarten class?**

Both Pre-Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten meet three times a week. The children need to be five by November 1, to be eligible for the TK class. This class is for students who may have just missed the kindergarten cut off date or were old enough for kindergarten but needed a little more before starting elementary school.

These children will definitely be going to kindergarten in the next school year. The Pre-Kindergarten class is for those who would prefer three days instead of two days of preschool.