

Tabernacle Preschool

A foundation for learning...A foundation for life

Top 10 Questions Most Often Asked At Registration

When are the Enrollment paperwork, tuitions and fees due?

- The Registration fee of \$110 (\$50 for additional siblings) is due at the time you register to secure a spot for your child.
- The supply fee is due August 1. If your child is enrolled 2 or 3 days per week, the supply fee is \$50. If your child is enrolled 5 days per week, the supply fee is \$60. After the supply fee is paid, your child will receive a free preschool t-shirt in September.
- Tuitions will be divided between 9 equal payments and the first payment is due August 1. The last tuition for the year will be collected April 1 and there will be no tuition due in May.
- The Enrollment forms should be turned in no later than July 1, 2010. Please note: the Emergency Treatment Form must be notarized. Also, check with your child's pediatrician promptly to determine if your child will need a physical and/or shots before the pediatrician will sign the Physician's Statement.

When will preschool begin?

Classes will begin in September, just after Labor Day. You will receive a letter this summer inviting you to Open House, Orientation and giving exact dates for your first day of school.

What is Open House and do I have to attend?

Open House will be a day for you and your child to meet your teacher, become familiar with the classroom and meet some of the other parents and children. It is helpful for children to adjust to new surroundings when they feel safe with mom or dad present; it also helps ease difficulties with separation on the first day when a child is comfortable and familiar with the classroom. This is also a valuable time for your teacher to become more familiar with your child in a smaller group setting. For this reason, we do request that parents attend Orientation for answers to questions regarding policies, schedules, etc. Sometimes returning parents feel so familiar and comfortable with the preschool that they may be tempted to forego the Open House; but please keep in mind that this is an important time for your child to begin forming positive relationships with his/her teacher and classmates.

What is Orientation?

Orientation will be a time for *parents only* to talk with teachers about the program, policies, daily schedules, and expectations. At orientation you will receive a parent handbook to better acquaint yourself with our program and policies, have a chance to ask questions and volunteer for special events. We believe communication is essential to provide the best preschool experience for your child and orientation provides a good beginning to the teacher/parent relationship. Returning families are also encouraged to attend Orientation so that they may be familiar with changes in the program and policies. If you do not attend Orientation it is important that you read over your parent handbook for the most current information. Please do

not skip Orientation with the thoughts of asking your child's teacher during Open House for the information you need.

Who will be my child's teacher?

Staffing positions will be filled with God's guidance in God's time! All positions are covered with prayer to best match teachers and assistants to classes. You can expect a note from your child's teacher before school begins.

What can I expect?

You can expect your child's classroom, curriculum and activities to be developmentally and age appropriate. You can also expect your child's teacher to be trained, prepared and loving.

Do you use a curriculum?

We use the WEE Learn and Scripture Bites Curricula. Both are Christian curricula and provide a wide variety of activities to engage each child. Your child's teacher may also supplement these with her own experience and research that are age appropriate and consistent with scriptural foundations.

Does my child have to be potty trained?

- If your child is in the 2's, the answer is no. This is typically the year when children begin potty training and our teachers are glad to reinforce your efforts in the classroom. Communication is essential. Let your child's teacher know if you are beginning potty training and what works at home.

- If your child is in the 3's he/she should be potty trained. We realize that not all 3's (especially those with late birthdays) will have completely mastered toileting, but they should be well on the way to being in control. Accidents should be the exception, not the rule.

- If your child is in the 4's he/she must be potty trained and able to do toileting with minimal assistance.

Will you be preparing my 4-yr-old for kindergarten?

Yes. It is our goal to provide each child with a strong foundation to lead him/her to the next stage of their growth and development. The NC Department of Public Instruction has released a publication called Foundations to set the standards for what and how children should be learning in preschool. We use this as a guide for our classroom learning, as well as workshops and local training sessions for kindergarten readiness. For more information or a copy of Foundations, go to www.ncpublicschools.org.

What will my child need to bring?

Your child should bring a book bag every day. Notes and art projects going home are easier sent in a book bag so they won't be misplaced. (The two-year-old classes will be using a canvas craft bag that will be provided for a small fee.) Once a month you will be asked to provide snack for your child's class. Also, your child's teacher may provide a list of optional items at Open House or Orientation.