

LITTLE FRIENDS PRESCHOOL

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding Little Friends Preschool. Enclosed is the information packet along with the application for the school year to begin Fall 2018. With the importance of your child's preschool years, you will want to know as much as possible about our purpose and curriculum before considering enrolling your child in our school.

Little Friends Preschool is a ministry of the Mount Bethel Church and was established as a service to the families and children of this community. The school has grown from a sincere love for children and has served the community for twenty eight years. Our goal is to provide an environment where preschool children can feel safe, loved and accepted. We want them to experience that school is a great place to be and learning is fun! Little Friends provides an age appropriate environment where children can thrive as they learn to work, play and grow together. All are welcome regardless of race, color and religion.

We feel a child's first school experience ought to be filled with positive memories and lasting value. We provide a Christian atmosphere of respect and loving appreciation for each person and for the wonders of God's world. Each child is encouraged to progress at his/her own rate of speed while enjoying enriching experiences, gaining self discipline and learning to make worthwhile choices.

The curriculum at Little Friends is Christ centered. The children will learn that they are special because a loving God created them, loves them and sent His Son, Jesus, to be their best friend and Savior. Each child is taught that he/she is uniquely designed by God and that He has a special purpose in life for each of them.

A child's play and work are synonymous. Therefore, we provide activities that are fun and creative as well as foster social, emotional, intellectual, physical and spiritual growth. The day is divided into times of free play, organized circle times, snack, games, stories, music, craft time, physical activities, cleanup and prayer time. Our curriculum also incorporates Pennsylvania State Standards for Early Childhood Education.

All activities are designed with the goals of fun learning, growth in understanding of self, others and the world, along with growth in a number of skill areas including:

Social Interaction

Following Directions

Fine and Gross Motor Skills

Visual, Auditory and Sensory Perception

Letter Sounds, Alliteration and Rhyming

Recognition and Identification of Colors, Shapes, Numbers and Letters

Listening Skills

Spatial Awareness

Language Development

Kindergarten Readiness

Pattern Identification

All activities through the year build upon and repeat previous skills as they intermingle through a variety of topics of study including:

Shapes and Sizes

Colors

Our Body

Cleanliness

Nutrition

Exercise

Food Groups

Seeds and Plant Growth

Seasons

Weather

Calendar

Holidays

Numbers

Letters

Science Activities

God's Love

Community Helpers

Our Country

Love For Others

Transportation

Animals and Habitats

A variety of means are used for these activities including: cutting, gluing, painting, games, stories, finger plays, music, flannel board materials, books, field trips, music, computer research, DVDs and video tapes. Since most activities are done in game form, the emphasis is on exposure and broadening horizons, not drill and necessity of retaining all the material.

Our goal is to always provide a wonderful first school experience for your child.