

2016 - 2017

“Train a Child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

Proverbs 22:6



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Dear parents of Preschoolers:

Your interest and involvement in the program of **Kids of the Kingdom Preschool** is welcome and indeed encouraged. If you have any concerns or questions throughout the school year, please feel free to contact us at any time.

We look forward to working with your child.

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Children may be likened to a handful of seeds from many flowers.

At first they may seem more similar than different.

Place these seed in the earth and nourish them. As they grow and mature, their differences become marked.

Some remain small and delicate while others are large and brilliant; some bloom early and some late.

One thing they have in common: Under good conditions they all bloom and have their own beauty.

Edward L. Mattel

Philosophy

It is a known fact that the early training of a child is the most significant training he receives. However, an early childhood experience permeated with Christianity provides a child with added richness. Not only are his mental needs recognized, but also his spiritual needs. The result of such a situation will be a well-rounded personality which acknowledges the daily presence of Jesus Christ in his life.

Objectives

- To teach simple Christian truths related to the child's experiences and level of development.
- To encourage the child in self-confidence, concern for others, cooperation in work and play and a spirit of sharing.
- To increase the child's skills in listening, self-discipline, conversation, creative self-expression, independent work and play.
- To assure the child that school can be a comfortable, happy, secure place.

Curriculum

To aid your child in his mental, emotional, social, physical and spiritual development, he/she will be involved in such learning experiences as these:

Bible stories and prayers	Shapes
Name recognition	Numbers
Developing Listening Skills	Science
Story Time	Walks or Field Trips
Poems	Play Time
Fingerplays	Large Muscle Development Skills:
Show and Tell	Running, Skipping, Hopping,
Drawing and Painting	Climbing, Dancing, etc.
Music	Small Muscle Development
Creative Art	Skills: Cutting, Pasting, etc.
Colors	

Policies

Kids of the Kingdom Preschool admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its education policies. The director will have the option to ask for a conference to discuss with the parents the level of development and whether their child has progressed adequately to continue in preschool.

Registration

A child may be pre-registered for preschool at any time merely by phoning us. A child must be 3 years old by September 1st of the school year. Pre-registered children will have priority.

To OFFICIALLY REGISTER YOUR CHILD, you must:

1. Complete the REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION FORM.
2. Pay the registration fee.

The following forms must also be completed and returned to the school **NO LATER THAT THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:**

1. Physical examination form.
2. Certificate of immunization form.
3. Medical consent form
4. Class walk and field trip permission form:(Walks will be taken without prior notification. For anything requiring transportation, you will receive advanced notification.)
5. Picture release.

Fees

There will be a registration fee of \$5.00. There will be a monthly fee of \$60 for 3 days per week. The monthly tuition is due on or before the 1st day of the month, September through April. This payment preferably a check may be sent with your child, or mailed to us. Please make checks payable to **Kids of the Kingdom Preschool**.

If parents are unable to pay tuition due to economic conditions, they may apply to the Board for consideration.

Attendance Information

Preschool class, which includes 3 and 4 year olds will meet Tuesday through Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30. Children should not arrive earlier than 10 minutes before starting time and leave no later than 10 minutes after closing time. Special arrangements may be made when necessary.

Please keep us informed as authorized persons ONLY will be picking up your child.

Preschool Schedule

We will follow the same general schedule as the Algona School System, observing the same holidays and vacations. The first day of school this year is **September 6, 2016**. Listen to KLG radio for school closings. When there is a 2 hour late start for the Algona School, our preschool will closed that day. If there is a 1 hour late start, preschool will start at our usual time. Snow days will be made up before the end of the school year, on a day that works with the church schedule, usually on Fridays.

Illness

If your child has a temperature or does not feel well, PLEASE do not send him/her to preschool that day.

If your child becomes ill during the course of the morning, we will contact you.

PLEASE call us when your child will not be in school on a particular day. This assures that he/she is in safe hands.

Injury

First Aid will be administered to any child who receives a minor injury. In case of a serious injury, every attempt will be made to notify the parents or the emergency contact person immediately. The child will receive emergency medical care and/or treatment if we have been authorized to obtain the same.

Change of Address

Please notify the preschool immediately if you have a change of address or telephone number. The information must be kept up to date!

Snacks and Birthdays

A nutritious snack and juice/milk will be served each morning. A wide variety of foods will be shared to allow the children to experience new tastes. Please notify the teacher of your child has any food allergies.

If your child has a birthday during the school year, you may choose to send treats for that occasion. Please contact the teacher to arrange the date of the snacks. If your child has a summer birthday, you may want to celebrate on a day of your choice. Please contact the teacher beforehand. Birthday celebrations at preschool are not a required activity.

Supplies

To simplify matters for you and the preschool, we will furnish supplies such as your child's crayons, scissors, paste, and art supplies.

Please provide some type of school bag in which your child can carry papers, a jacket, perhaps some extra socks in rainy weather and shoes during winter.

Attire

We would prefer your child wear comfortable, washable clothes that are not a hindrance to his or her independence. Clothing that can be a hindrance are belts, suspenders, clothes that button or zip in the back, and slick soled shoes such as patent leather or cowboy boots. Consider that your child may be painting, pasting, playing outside - clothes sometimes get dirty. Please don't send your child in anything that can't be soiled. In the winter months, we expect your child to come properly dressed for outside play.

Children must be toilet trained.

Discipline

Personnel working at the preschool have been trained to work with children in a loving and caring manner, No child will be treated with physical abuse or spanking. Time out may be observed to let the child relax. If the situation cannot be handled without disrupting the rest of the class, the parent will be contacted to take the child home.

Visiting

You are welcome to visit **Kids of the Kingdom Preschool** at any time without notice. We encourage you to drop by and either observe or participate with the children.

If at **any time** you have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Safety Emergency Program Weapons/Intruders

Safety of the children and staff are our major concern in our school. In an effort to provide the staff and students maximum protection, to the most possible extent, the following safety plan will be implemented at Kids of the Kingdom Preschool.

In the case of an intruder or a weapon in the building or a weapon outside the building, a staff member will alert staff with this repeated intercom announcement, “Mr. Green, you have a telephone call,” or “Mr. Red, you have a telephone call.”

“Mr. Green” (go) means to get out of the building as quickly and as quietly as possible. Get away as far as possible. Take shelter in a protected area.

“Mr. Red” (Stop/stay) means to stay in your room, secure the doors if possible. If you have time, lock the door with the key. Turn lights off, have students lie flat on floor, use desks for protection, stay away from windows and other openings, and if possible, cover any glass on doors and shut window shades.

Once children are secure call local law enforcement officials, unless another staff member has already done so.

Preschool Daily Schedule

9:00 - 9:30	Arrival, Wash Hands, Free-Play
9:30 - 9:45	Group time (Calendar, Weather, Story)
9:45 - 10:30	Centers / Indoor Activities
10:30 - 10:50	Wash Hands, Snack
10:50 - 11:15	Outdoor Time / Gross motor Activities
11:15 - 11:25	Praise / Worship Time
11:25 - 11:30	Review of Day
11:30	Dismissal

**A Child is a butterfly
In the wind:
Some can fly higher
than others:
But each one flies the
best that it can.
Why compare one
against the other?
Each one is different
Each one is special.
Each one is beautiful.**