

Westminster Children's Weekday Ministries Preschool (Half-Day) Program

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Thank you for your interest in our Preschool Program! We hope that you will find we are a fit for your family's preschool needs. Below are some details about our program; hopefully it will be helpful in your decision-making process. Thank you again for looking at Westminster to positively influence your child's preschool experience.

About Our Program . . .

At Westminster Preschool, we believe every child is a precious gift from God. We are committed to providing a program that will help prepare your child for life's journey. Through enriching educational experiences in early childhood, your child will be empowered to reach his or her full potential as an adult.

Westminster Preschool is a nonprofit outreach program of Westminster Presbyterian Church (USA). Our curriculum is designed to provide a high quality program of early childhood education, in a secure, nurturing Christian environment.

Westminster Preschool program has been asked to participate and has been pre-approved for the 345 Gateways to Accreditation "Opening Doors to Accreditation" Project. The NAEYC accreditation is a national accreditation of excellence that only 20% of all licensed centers nationwide achieve. The state licensing agency (Bright from the Start) has raised their level of teacher credentials that each lead teacher must have by the end of 2012. The NAEYC accreditation will bring Westminster Preschool way beyond those standards and is considered the premiere standard in the child care industry.

A Qualified Staff & A Quality Curriculum

Westminster Preschool is staffed by experienced teachers who set a Christian example and take a positive approach to discipline. All teachers are certified in CPR and First Aid, and they keep their skills current by attending continuing education programs throughout the school year.

Our curriculum is specifically designed to meet your child's social, emotional, physical, cognitive and spiritual needs. Classroom structure is based on the *learning center* concept as outlined by *Creative Curriculum*. A variety of resources are used to supplement our academic program, thus providing each child with a solid foundation of early learning skills. At Westminster Preschool, the following skills are emphasized:

Infants, Toddlers & Two-year-olds

- Toddlers and Two's are encouraged to learn through their own experience, trial and error, repetition, imitation and identification.
- Teachers guide and encourage learning by ensuring that the environment is physically safe and emotionally supportive.
- We offer inviting classrooms, which encourage play, exploration and freedom of movement.
- Positive interactions with Teachers and classmates are emphasized as an essential contribution to the quality of the child's learning experiences.

Three, Four & Five-year-olds

- Large and fine motor skills development.
- Academic skills including pre-reading, pre-writing, science and math concepts.
- Music, movement and art.
- Creative thinking and reasoning.
- Confidence building.
- Conflict resolution.
- Positive relationship building.
- Self-control.
- A growing knowledge of God's love and the teachings of Jesus.

School Calendar

Westminster Preschool opens and closes along with Gwinnett County Schools. Throughout the school year, we follow the Gwinnett County School calendar, with a few minor exceptions. Before and After Care is also available for all ages if you need additional hours of care beyond 9:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

Please contact Paige Duranty, Program Director, for any questions or concerns regarding the Preschool Program.