

“NOURISHING YOUNG HEARTS AND MINDS FOR OVER 40 YEARS”

PRESBYTERIAN WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL

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TEACHING STAFF

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PHILOSOPHY

The careful and tender nourishing of young children’s hearts and minds is our number one priority. Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School (PWNS) provides a rich and stimulating environment that allows children to grow socially, emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually. The objective is to help each child acquire social skills, self-confidence, initiative, independence, creativity and a life-long enthusiasm for learning. The total development of the individual child is emphasized over the mastery of specific academic skills. PWNS operates in an environment that teaches the children to follow the Golden Rule, and to be aware of God’s love for them.

CURRICULUM

The carefully designed curriculum reflects the stated philosophy and covers units of study about the child’s world, such as family, health, community, nature and the seasons. Curriculum-related activities include suitable songs, stories, field trips, games, learning centers and creative art projects. Dr. David Elkind, a professor of child study and the author of twelve books on the subject, states in *Miseducation: Preschoolers at Risk* that “workbooks have no place in healthy early childhood education.” He stresses the importance of active learning, in which young children explore their immediate world with all their senses. The educational program at PWNS follows this premise. Thus, there is much learning that takes place during a free play period as children touch and experiment with a wide variety of materials. In addition, the curriculum is careful to provide activities for the children that are developmentally appropriate. The result is a happy and healthy child who is ready for the next stage of growth

SUPERVISION

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School operates under the guidance of the Christian Education Committee of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church through a Nursery School Board. Our teaching staff consists of professionals who hold teaching degrees or certificates.

SCHEDULE

All classes meet on Monday through Friday. The yearly calendar coincides with that of the School City of Mishawaka. The **morning session** is from 8:45-11:15 and the **afternoon session** is from 12:15-2:45

AGE REQUIREMENTS

PWNS serves children from ages three to five. To enroll, a child must meet the September 1st cut-off date established by the State of Indiana. There is a one year program for three year olds and a two year opportunity for four and five year olds. This way a child may attend PWNS for one, two or three years, depending on age and development.

DAILY PROGRAM

Each class has a daily schedule that includes:

- Free choice activities
- Story time
- Snack
- Discussion of unit concepts
- Play as an important method of learning
- A balance of self-directed and teacher directed activities
- Social interaction with other children and with the teachers
- Opportunities for large group, small group and individual instruction
- A combination of active and inactive periods

Activities in the following areas occur frequently: art, music, small and large motor coordination socio-dramatic play, language development, pre-math skills, finger plays, and problem solving.

Upcoming Events

Accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. Classes begin Sept. 10th

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, Sept. 25, 2009 -4:30 pm-7:30 pm

Adults \$6.00

Children 3-12 yrs. old \$3.00 Children 2 yrs and under FREE

Tickets available in advance (259-7874) or at the door

FEES AND TUITION

There is a \$30.00 non-refundable **registration fee** that secures a child’s place in the school.

The **yearly tuition** is divided into nine payments of \$139.00 each.

Family discount, families with two or more children enrolled in the same school year. First child’s tuition will be \$139.00/month and additional child will be at \$129.00/month.



At Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School we provide “the sun and the water” That nourish each child.



Making new friends



Exploring the world



Active learning

Being Creative

Having Fun

