

# *Gresham United Methodist Preschool*

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*Learning, Laughing, Loving, Celebrating Christ Among Us*

Thank you for your interest in our Preschool. The following is general information about our program and school philosophy. We invite you and your child to our Open House on March 7 10:00am – 12:00 noon for a classroom visit and an opportunity to meet our teacher. If you are unable to attend the open house, arrangements can be made to visit the class during regular class hours. Please feel free to call if you have any further questions, we love the question WHY!

**CLASSES:** Age 3 – Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 to 11:30 am

Age 4 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
9:00 to 11:30 am or 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

(The child must be the appropriate age by September 1<sup>st</sup>)

## **REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 16**

Your child is confirmed a place in the class upon our receipt of the completed forms and the \$45.00 registration fee. To ensure a spot, do not delay returning the forms.

In midsummer a letter will be sent to you with the date for the parent/teacher orientation scheduled in late August. The orientation is a time to meet other parents, receive a student handbook and a more complete overview of the school year ahead.

The children will have their own Preschool Orientation meeting after Labor Day. The parents are asked to attend this one-hour session with their child and participate in the activities. The regular preschool classes will begin on the next scheduled day.

**Tuition** – There is a \$45 registration fee each year per family. This includes a t-shirt. Monthly tuition is due the first of the month. There is a \$5.00 late fee if not paid by the tenth of each month.

Age 3 class tuition is \$90.00 per month

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For families with 2 preschool age children enrolled in the program, full tuition will be assessed for the first child and the second child will receive \$30.00 off their monthly tuition.

## **Daily Class Schedule**

9:00 – 10:15	Arrival time. Free choice time. (dramatic play, art, small group activities, cooperative play)
10:15 – 10:25	Cleanup time.
10:25 – 10:40	Circle time. (finger play and stories)
10:40 – 10:50	Hand washing and snack.
10:50 - 11:00	Circle time. (read stories, sharing time, conversations, group activities)
11:00 – 11:25	Movement and music time. (games, outside play, large motor activities)
11:25 – 11:30	Prepare to go home. Dismissal.

## **General Curriculum Calendar**

September	Get acquainted activities. About me and my family, colors in our world.
October	5 senses – taste, touch, smell, sight and hearing, autumn activities, Halloween, pumpkin patch fieldtrip.
November	Finish 5 senses, shapes and patterns, Thanksgiving celebration.
December	Christmas activities, evening Family Christmas program.
January	Community workers, winter/snow activities.
February	Hats, masks and puppets, valentine’s activities.
March	Transportation, evening Father’s event.
April	Spring activities, animals – either farm or zoo
May	Flowers, bugs, and butterflies, Mother’s Day Tea, end of year picnic.
Ongoing:	Our primary goal is to develop social skills and encourage children to become creative, caring and independent. Songs, stories, art and creative play are an everyday part of our program. The 4 year old class looks at a letter of the alphabet each week.

**Purpose** – Our mission is to provide a stable and high quality Christian Education. We aim to provide a balanced experience in the areas of intellectual, physical, emotional, social and spiritual development that will help children prepare for Kindergarten.

**Philosophy** – Preschool aged children learn best through exploration and play. It is our teacher’s task to set the stage for children to learn through play and guided experiences. This provides opportunities to develop readiness skills needed for future learning.

**Standards** – Gresham United Methodist Preschool is a non-profit Christian School that welcomes children of all faiths and ethnic backgrounds. We are dedicated to teaching integrity, fairness and courage. We promote acceptance, forgiveness and respect for all. We strive to help build a closer relationship with God.

Gresham United Methodist Preschool is licensed by the State of Oregon as a Private School. It operates under the guidance of the Preschool Board. The class is taught by a teacher with a degree in Education and a teacher’s aide.

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PASTOR.....	Rev. Jim Parr Philipson
TEACHER.....	Katie Strobel
AIDE.....	Bev Klason
OFFICE SECRETARY.....	Susan Flores