

THREE's Class

Our THREE's class offers many opportunities for children to grow and learn academically, socially, physically, and spiritually. Our faith-based preschool program for THREE's follows a chronological Bible scope and sequence starting with creation and continuing with Jesus' life on earth and after His ascension to heaven.

We also focus on a letter a week to provide age-appropriate academic instruction in preparation for future school success.

We use a hands-on approach to provide positive learning experiences by teaching a weekly or bi-weekly theme.

Each room has scheduled times for group play, one on one pull out during center times, art, sensory experiences, music movement, science, imaginative play, etc.

We focus on language development through reading aloud stories, engaging with the students during free play, conversational lunchtime, and special times for children to pray together and share about themselves.

The children are also given individual classroom responsibilities to teach independence and care of the school.

Curricular decisions are closely linked to and are shaped by on-going assessments and observations made by the director and staff. Such decisions are based on the fundamental concepts of the curriculum being age-appropriate, individually appropriate, and culturally relevant. We use guidelines and curriculum based on theory and research in child development, family studies, and early childhood education.

Program Goals

We expect every student who enters our program to advance from his/her current skill level academically, socially, behaviorally, and physically. It is our hope that all students in our program will leave with the following skills or lessons:

- Our students will learn that God loves them and that they can talk to God anytime, anywhere. They will learn about God through His Word and stories from the Bible.
- Our students will learn how to follow basic routines and class rules.
- Our students will learn how to clean up after themselves.
- Our students will learn to be confident and ready to separate from their parent.
- Our students will practice and improve on sharing materials and toys with other students.
- Our students will practice and improve in their fine motor skills, gross motor skills, listening skills and communication skills.

In addition to the overall program goals, our THREE's class focuses on the following skills:

- Reviewing and continuing to build upon skills from previous classes.
- Identifying numerical numbers 1-10.
- Identifying capital letters.
- Knowing the names and beginning sounds of letters in the alphabet.
- Recognizing printed name.
- Learning and practice using a pencil and scissors correctly.
- Knowing beginning letter of name.
- Sitting for a story for 10 minutes.
- Using restroom and washing hands independently.

Below is a sample schedule of a THREE's classroom. This can vary by teacher and year depending on the teaching style and classroom dynamics.

0920-0930	Arrival
0930-940	Table Games/ Activity Centers
940-1000	Circle Time, Prayers, Bible Story, Morning Songs
1000-1020	Craft
1020-1030	Bathroom Break
1030-1100	Recess – outside playtime or downstairs
1100-1130	Lunch, bathroom break, clean up
1130-1200	Centers/Small Group Activities/Theme Activity
1200-1205	Clean up
1205-1225	Story Time, Music, Indoor Exploration
1225-1230	Pack up for Dismissal