

Princeton Christian Academy



Sonshine Preschool

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Philosophy

SonShine Preschool offers an age appropriate program designed to help children develop well-rounded start to education and positive attitude toward school friends and faith.

The process of learning comes about through self-directed and group activities that will enhance each child's development in all areas.

Your child's education and welfare are important to us. Please feel free to visit or call anytime.

Arrival

Sonshine Preschool meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Arrival time is from 7:45 – 8:00 AM. Class time begins at 8:00 AM. Please remember that it is in your child's best interest not to stress tardiness. We will begin our devotional and prayer time as soon as all students have arrived.

If, for some reason, I am not in the classroom or the gymnasium with the older children, please do not leave your child unattended.

When you enter the room, please have your child “sign” his/her name and hang up belongings.

We will be utilizing the PCA online newsletter and text messaging to relay important information. **My cell # is 815-878-7070.** If you have a response to a group text that only pertains to your child, please reply to me individually so as not to bog down the group text.

Daily Schedule

7:45 – 8:00	Arrival/Sign-in
7:45 - 8:15	Learning Centers
8:15 - 8:20	Welcome/Prayer Time
8:20 - 8:40	Weekly Focus/Bible Lessons/Praise
8:40 – 9:00	Table Activity
9:00 – 9:35	Learning Center/Small Group
(9:25-9:30 Restroom/Wash-up)	
9:35 – 9:50	Snack
9:50 – 10:10	Story/Music
10:10 – 10:30	Table Activity
10:30 – 10:40	Pack up
10:40 – 11:00	Large Motor
11:00	Dismissal

Note: This is the schedule we will attempt to follow each day. We will, if necessary, make changes on some days.

Field Trips

We will attempt to go on a few field trips during the year depending on schedule, weather, and transportation.

Guest Speakers

Our children love guest speakers! We encourage you to feel free to come in and share with the class any hobby, interest, or talent you may have. We also welcome any suggestions you may have for guest speakers.

Parent Info Wall

The parent wall is located on the left as you enter the classroom. This wall is your connection to our activities and special events. Please check this wall frequently. You don't want to miss out on anything your child may be participating in.

Departure

Our daily sessions end at 11:00 a.m. At the conclusion of the session, please come to the drive-up and your child will be escorted to your car.

Clothing

Send your child to school in play clothes. Some activities may be messy and your child should be able to enjoy playing without worrying about clothes becoming dirty.

Send your child in clothing appropriate for the temperature of the day. (Hats, coats, sweaters, mittens, boots, etc.) Please mark outdoor clothing with your child's name. We will venture outside even in cold weather.

Provide an extra set of clothes (pants, shirt, underwear and socks) in a plastic bag labeled with your child's name. These will be kept at school in case a change of clothing is needed.

Because of the running, jumping, etc. that we will do, tennis shoes and socks should be worn to school each day. *Note that the playground is covered in small pebbles that get stuck in sandals.

Discipline

Acceptable behavior is encouraged through positive verbalizations. We encourage children to verbalize with one another to resolve disputes and we will redirect and model expected behaviors. If necessary, children will be removed from the group for a time out period. This is a time where the child may calm down and remember what behavior we are asking for. If the behavior cannot be corrected by time outs, the child will be escorted to the office and the parents will be contacted.

Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences are held in February; however you may request a conference at any time. These conferences are very important to attend. Your child's overall development is important to us, please make every effort to sign-up for a meeting. Please address any concerns to me via school (875-2933) or my cell (878-7070).

Special Holidays

We do not participate in the PCA Christmas program and feel that low key celebrations best meet the needs of preschool children. We will, however, have a Christmas program in our own classroom for friends and family.

Birthday/Star Student of the Day

Each child will be chosen one day during the year to be the star student of the day. This day will be scheduled around the time of your child's birthday. Parents will receive a questionnaire to complete prior to their child's special day. (This day, a less healthy snack is totally acceptable. Just keep in mind the age of the students... ie: black frosting is a nightmare! 😊)

ABC Bag

At each week we will introduce a letter of the alphabet. The children will take turns taking the ABC bag home and bringing it back with three items that begin with the letter we are introducing that week. The ABC bag will go home on Wednesday, to be returned on Friday.

Science Spectacular

Additionally, we will be doing a "Science is Spectacular" bag! On Friday, one student will take home the science bag. As a family, please choose a science experiment to perform over the weekend. On Monday, your child may either perform the experiment for the class or show a video of the experiment being performed at home. The videos may be sent to my cell phone for me to show the class. We hope to spark not only a love of science, but create some fearless public speakers this year.

Snacks

There will be a snack list provided each month. Please provide *18 healthy snacks and drinks* on your day. (We do have refrigeration in the room).