

WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

EARLY CHILDHOOD INFORMATION



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Early Childhood Philosophy

We believe each child is unique and a special gift from God. They are loved and valued. We strive to develop a sense of wonder and appreciation for God's creation. We emphasize God's love for your child and encourage a loving response to God and each other.

Our Early Childhood program provides a high quality, faith-based learning environment where your child has the opportunity to select, explore and practice their skills. The focus of 4's preschool and Young 5's is kindergarten readiness skills; where the focus for 3's preschool is more social-emotional in nature. Our programs have been developed using age and developmentally appropriate early childhood standards. All of our classes incorporate the Handwriting Without Tears and Heggerty curriculum.

Play Based Learning

Play is the universal language of childhood. It is through play that children understand each other and make sense of the world around them. We offer play-based programming to provide opportunities for growth in 5 major areas of child development:

- Cognitive development
- Social Emotional development
- Physical development
- Language development
- Spiritual development

Our children live in a time of busy schedules and high expectations for achievement; we strive to give them the time and space to discover the joy and benefits of free play.

Faith Formation

Our goal is to provide a quality Christ-centered early childhood education that teaches every aspect of God's amazing creation. To help successfully lay this foundation we use a combination of the Fruit of the Spirit while navigating through His Word- The Bible. We cannot wait to share the excitement of God's unending love for your children. We will cover parts of the Old Testament, Christmas story, explore Jesus' life and death and end the year with The Fruit of The Spirit.

Most importantly, we focus on learning about how much God loves them, and how they can share God's love with others through daily Bible stories, worship, and prayer!

Outdoor Education

All preschoolers spend time exploring our onsite Nature Preserve, Outdoor Creation Classrooms, Blandford Nature Center, and Onsite school garden.

EARLY CHILDHOOD OFFERINGS

3s PRESCHOOL Students must be 3 by September 1

Mornings M/W or T/TH 8:45-11:15am
Afternoons M/W 12:30-3:00pm

4s PRESCHOOL Students must be 4 by September 1

Mornings M-F (3-5 days*) 8:45-11:15am

*Flexible scheduling available for 4s preschool. Minimum 3, maximum 5 mornings

4s NATURE PRESCHOOL Students must be 4 by September 1

Mornings M/W/W/F 8:45-11:15am
Afternoons M/W/W/F 12:30-3:00pm
Mornings T/Th 8:45-12:00pm

YOUNG FIVES Students must be 5 by January 1

Young 5s** M/W/W/F M/W 8:30-3:15pm
F 12:15-3:15pm
T/TH/F T/TH 8:30-3:15pm
F 8:30-11:30am

**Busing available for Young 5s students for an additional fee

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	3s	4s	4s Nature-based	Y5s
2 days	\$1,465	-	\$2,075	-
3 days	-	\$1,900	\$2,075	\$4,385
4 days	-	\$2,285	-	-
5 days	-	\$2,715	-	-

Interested in a 5-day 4s/nature combined program for preschool?
Contact Kelly Zeck, kzeck@wschristian.org

LITTLE SPROUTS

CHILD CARE

YEAR ROUND FOR AGES 2 1/2 - 12 YEARS

We partner with families to provide a safe and fun environment that actively interacts with the West Side Christian School community. They get to know the teachers and students, build friendships and grow familiarity for a smooth transition to preschool/kindergarten.

Little Sprouts:

Enjoy Fun themes and field trips during summer and break care.

Get dirty helping with garden planting, harvesting, and composting.

Enjoy outdoor time on the playground, forest, and nature playscapes.

Create lasting friendships and grow with Little Sprouts for many years.

HOURS

School Year: 6:30-5:30

Summer Care: 7:00-5:00

HOURLY RATE:
\$5.75/hr

\$50 enrollment fee for the first child, \$15 for each additional child. One time only.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

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KINDERGARTEN TUITION INCENTIVE & TRIP

KINDERGARTEN TUITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Families that have a student attending one of West Side Christian's Early Childhood classes (3s Preschool, 4s Preschool, Nature Preschool, Young 5s) are eligible to receive a \$750 tuition credit toward kindergarten tuition. This is a one-time credit, regardless of number of early childhood classes attended.

Note: this tuition rebate applies only if the early childhood tuition is paid in full by the conclusion of the current school year.

*WSCS staff members are not eligible for this program

TRIP: A WAY TO EARN MONEY TOWARD TUITION!

TRIP is a program where you can buy gift cards from various vendors. Each gift card purchased gives a percentage back toward your tuition account that can be applied to K-8 at WSCS.

Learn how to take advantage of TRIP at wscsgr.org/TRIP

Questions? Email trip@wschristian.org