

TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL PARENT HANDBOOK

Timothy
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

 Beyond Belief

PHILOSOPHY

The basis of education at Timothy Christian Preschool is the Bible and a belief in the Triune God: God the Father, Creator of all; Jesus, our Savior; and the Holy Spirit, the Guide of our lives. God has commanded us to love Him, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to rule and care for the earth.

We know from research that young children learn best about God's world through play, their senses, and their own experiences. Children learn more effectively when they experience positive interaction with peers and adults and when they have positive self-concepts. The potential for learning is determined during the early childhood years.

GOALS

We offer hands-on activities appropriate to each child's developmental level to develop:

1. knowledge and love of God and a caring concern for others.
2. independence and a positive self-concept.
3. curiosity, creativity, sense of responsibility, and thinking skills.

CURRICULUM

The following subject areas are incorporated during free choice and large and small group times throughout the year and are integrated around the weekly theme.



Art

Drawing and painting
Gluing and construction
Manipulating
Problem solving

Bible

Awareness that the Bible is God's Word
Learning Bible stories
Learning about God's love and care
Joyfully praising God
Showing our love for Jesus

Health and Nutrition

Developing good habits



Language

Listening

Speaking in a group

Reading and writing readiness

Interest in stories and books

Mathematics

Classifying

Comparing

Measuring

Problem solving

Counting

Developing vocabulary - shapes, sizes,
colors

Music

Singing

Building a song repertoire

Responding to rhythm

Creating motions, rhythms, & responses



Science

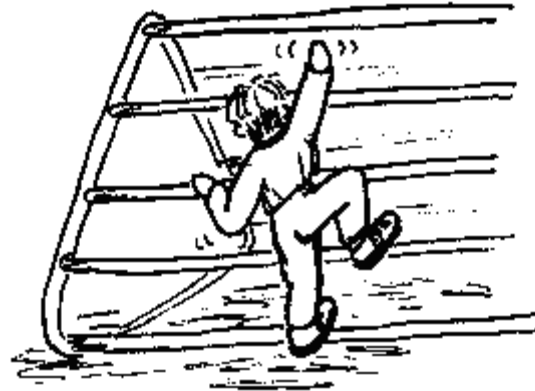
Observing
Problem solving
Comparing
Experimenting
Predicting

Social Science

Cooperating
Interacting
Developing concern for others & God's
creation

Movement

Walking and running
Jumping and hopping
Galloping and climbing
Throwing and catching
Balancing
Developing body awareness
Developing spatial perception
Cooperating in games



ENROLLMENT

Admission: Children ages three through five are eligible for enrollment.

Enrollment packets are available at the Grade School Office. Enrollment is considered complete when the office has received your completed registration form and deposit.

Forms: These forms are required by the State of Illinois and must be in our files before your child enters preschool:

Registration Form

Physical Examination Form

Student Information Form

Medical Emergency Card

Tuition: Fees are due in the Business Office on or before the first day of each pay period.

Enrollment is for the entire year. A child may be withdrawn by giving the office one week's notice.

PRESCHOOL SESSIONS

Monday/Wednesday/Friday Morning	8:45A – 11:15A
Monday/Wednesday/Friday Afternoon	12:00P – 2:30P
Tuesday/Thursday Morning	8:45A – 11:15A
Tuesday/Thursday Afternoon	12:00P – 2:30P

DAILY SCHEDULE



- Free Choice:** Children may choose to participate in creative art activities, learning games, and dramatic play or use large or small muscle toys. This is also a time for peer and adult interaction.
- Clean -Up Time:** Children learn to cooperate in a group effort to pick-up the toys.
- Small Group:** Small groups of children and a teacher interact in concrete art, science, math and language activities.



Group Time: All children participate in a large group lesson taught from a Christian perspective.

Activities from all areas of the curriculum are used to help children learn about the daily topic.

Children learn to listen, take turns, and speak in a group situation.

One large group time each week is a Bible Story Time.

Snack Time: Children take turns bringing snacks. They learn to share, to say please and thank-you, and to pray.

Spills are not disasters, but opportunities to develop clean-up skills and responsibility.

Prayer: Children take turns closing the session with their own prayers.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Arrival and Dismissal

Children may arrive five minutes before the beginning of the session. Please sign your child in at the beginning of each session and out at the end of each session. If someone other than you or your carpool driver will be picking up your child, please notify us beforehand.

Dress

Please label your child's coats and boots with his/her name. Children should be dressed for play. We use the playground frequently in good weather, play in the gym once or twice a week, and use paint or other art media daily. These activities will be more enjoyable if your child does not have to worry about keeping his/her clothes clean.



Children may use the washroom at any time. However, accidents do occur. Please send a change of clothing in a bag marked with your child's name, if you feel we may need it.

Snack

Snack is an important part of our day. The children take turns bring a snack to school to share with their classmates. Each child looks forward to their snack day. We encourage good nutrition and ask you to send healthy snacks such as fruits, vegetables, cheese, or crackers. We are not able to serve the children homemade snacks so please bring snacks to school that are purchased at the store. Please inform us of any food allergies your child may have. We are a peanut-free classroom so please do not bring any peanut butter snacks.



We will schedule your child's snack day as closely as possible to his/her birthday. Birthdays are made special with everyone singing. Snacks will still be nutritious. We will give your child a special birthday crown to take home.

Medical Policies



If your child is injured at school, first aid will be administered. In the event of serious injury, you will be notified immediately. If the injury is not serious, you will be informed at the close of your child's session. If your child becomes ill at school, he/she will be isolated from the group and you will be notified.

To prevent the spread of disease, we require that any child exhibiting the following symptoms be kept at home until he/she is well: fever-oral temperature of 100°F or above, severe coughing, diarrhea, vomiting, unusual spots or rashes, pinkeye, sore throat, or difficulty swallowing.

Please notify us if your child has strep throat, strep related diseases, chicken pox, pinkeye, lice or other contagious conditions, so we may inform the parents of your child's classmates.



School Bags

Please send a school bag with your child each day for papers. Tote bags are easy for children to use.

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Conferences will occur during the second half of the school year. If you have any questions or wish to talk with a teacher before that time, please feel free to stop by for an informal conversation or call to make an appointment for a more formal conference.

THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Most of the school year coincides with Timothy's regular school schedule. There are some school days when Timothy dismisses at noon. Those noon dismissal school days are divided between the morning and afternoon classes as listed on the calendar.

August 25, 26

September 5

October 12

October 13, 14

November 4

November 23

November 24, 25

December 16

December 19 – January 2

January 16

February 20

March 2

March 26 – 30

April 6

May 28

May 31

Preschool Orientation Day

No School – Labor Day

Noon Dismissal – Teacher In-Service – AM class

No School – CEA Convention

No School – Teacher Work Day

Noon Dismissal – Thanksgiving Break – PM class

No School – Thanksgiving Break

Noon Dismissal – Christmas Break – AM class

No School – Christmas Break

No School – Martin Luther King Day

No School – President's Day

No School – Teacher In-Service

No School – Spring Break

No School – Good Friday

No School – Memorial Day

Last Day of School



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