About Our School

Mission

As a ministry of First Presbyterian Church of West Chester, it is our mission to provide a positive preschool experience in a safe and loving Christian environment, where a child can thrive, gain a love of learning, and cultivate a sense of self.

We value a child's natural curiosity about the world, embrace creativity, and encourage independence. Our school is built on a community of strong relationships among students, families, teachers, our church, and the local community.

Educational Philosophy

At The Bucket School, we pride ourselves on small class sizes, development of Christian values, and a play-based learning philosophy to help young children build a solid foundation to become lifelong learners. Our curriculum is aimed at nurturing the whole child through developmentally appropriate, hands-on thematic units. It is our goal to foster a child's growth in mind and spirit – "to fill our buckets," so to speak, with knowledge, love, joy, generosity, and wonder. Our programs are grounded in the Pennsylvania Standards for Early Learning and utilize multisensory curricula such as Fundations and Handwriting Without Tears to help prepare young learners for the next step beyond our school. Specials such as music, library, organized gym class, and mini worship offer enriching opportunities to gain developmental skills in an engaging way.

Administrative Staff

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2021-2022 Programs and Hours of Operation

The Bucket School provides educational programs for children ages 2.7 years through age 5. Each program supports our mission and educational philosophy while promoting developmentally appropriate skills and milestones.

Programs for children 2.7 months (must be 2 by February 1st, 2021)

3 day 2s (M/W/F) & 2 day 2s (T/Th) – 9:15 to 11:45

Our two year old classes introduce children to following routines and directions, transitioning between activities, playing with others, and hands-on activities to build readiness skills.

Programs for Three Year Olds (must be 3 by September 1st, 2021)

3 day 3s (M/W/F) & 2 day 3s (T/Th) – 9:30 to 12:00

Our three's classes focus on child-led exploration and discovery to build skills in language, fine and gross motor, and cognitive thinking.

Programs for Four Year Olds (must be 4 by September 1st, 2021)

3 day Pre-Kindergarten (M/W/F) & 4 day Pre-Kindergarten (M/T/W/F) – 9:00 to 12:00

Pre-Kindergarten Enrichment (Th) – 9:00 to 12:00

The goal of our PreK programs is to prepare children for an easy transition to kindergarten. Using a blend of Learning Without Tears and Fundations, we introduce students to basic phonics, handwriting techniques, and early math skills.

Extracurricular Activities:

Included in our morning programming and tuition are the following extracurricular activities: mini worship in the sanctuary (once per month), music (once per month), library & literacy lab (every other week), and gym (once per week).

Afternoon Lunch Bunch & Enrichment:

Beyond our morning programs, The Bucket School offers lunch bunch daily from 12:00 – 1:00, and enrichment through 2:00. Students in our 3s and PreK programs are eligible to attend lunch and enrichment. Additional registration for afternoon enrichment is necessary.