

2023-2024 Class Overview

We believe each child is a unique creation of God and is valuable in His sight...

Kids on the Ridge Weekday Preschool program is designed to encourage children to succeed according to his or her own level of development and is recognized as one of God's unique creations.

We are known to provide a loving, caring, and nurturing environment that fosters a warm and welcoming atmosphere for learning. Each of our teachers is experienced in teaching early childhood and are provided with a curriculum framework that is appropriate to the age level of the class they are teaching. Teachers creatively individualize and enhance each of our class levels to provide a steppingstone of learning that takes students to the next level.

Our program is based on meeting all the child's individual needs: academics, spiritual, social, physical, and emotional. The activities provided during the day are targeted towards each age group through our carefully selected Early Childhood Curriculum. While play is an important component to a child's development, students will also engage in purposeful learning activities to meet distinct educational objectives.

Spiritual... Children grow spiritually as they learn the important principles about God, Jesus, and the Bible, as they are loved and cared for by God. We want every child who walks through our doors to know there is a God in Heaven who knows who they are and loves them more than anything.

Academic... Our curriculum is researched and proven for success. When our students graduate from KOTR Preschool and are tested for kindergarten, our students test at the highest level. Our focus is not solely academic but based on a readiness principle. The emphasis is on encouraging creativity, self-esteem, positive and progressive social skills, self-help skills, independent thinking, and creative problem solving. Students are welcomed each day to a state-of-the-art facility that provides them with beautifully appointed classrooms, high-end learning supplies and top-notch resources. We take the highest precautions with safety available to keep your child safe while attending KOTR Preschool.

Social... Children develop social interaction skills in a Christian environment in which we love and share with one another according to God's plan. Each member of our staff has personally committed their lives to Christ and regularly attend services.

Physical... Children develop physically as they engage in a variety of activities for both large and small motor development. KOTR preschool students enjoy an amazing indoor recreation area for which they can play and explore and be challenged.

Emotional... Children grow emotionally as they leave home and come to school. They will gain independence and confidence while beginning to have control and expressing their emotions.

Preschool is a time for the children to discover God's world, experiment and experience the joy of learning new things. Some of our areas of learning customized for each class level will include the following:

- **Bible**

Students will learn about the 7 Days of Creation and understanding the meaning of the Fruit of the Spirit. All class levels will attend chapel once a month, where they get to sing, dance, pray and hear a wonderful story from the Bible.

- **Handwriting**

Students engage in many fine motor building activities, enabling them to begin working on proper pencil grip, tracing their name, and cutting. Handwriting Without Tears will be introduced in the 3-year-old class.

- **Mathematics**

Students learn basic shapes and number recognition. Students work with numbers to understand what numbers mean and practice counting using one to one correspondence. Preschoolers also learn what a calendar means.

- **History**

Topics covered include Native Americans, Pilgrims, Creation, The birth of Christ, Easter, and major holidays.

- **Life Skills**

Students will learn how to separate from their parents, manage their own belongings, sort, and clean up toys, and basic living skills such as washing their hands and putting on their coat. Throughout the day students are guided in how to function well in a group setting. They are taught how to understand their emotions, how to constructively express emotions, how to function well in a group, and how to mend peer conflicts.

- **Art**

Students will let their creativity shine and will be able to express themselves through arts and crafts, stories, song and dance.

LITTLE'S

Students must be 2 1/2 years old by August 31st and actively toilet training.

This class is affectionately known as our Littles Class. We use play-based activities that turn your little one's sense of curiosity into opportunities for learning. We focus on building confidence to be in a school environment by teaching them how to enjoy attending school and interacting with their teachers and learning how to make friends.

3 YEAR OLDS

Students must be 3 years old by August 31st and toilet trained.

This is probably your child's first time being away from home and preparing for preschool. Our main emphasis is on the social interaction among the children, learning the school routine and helping them to be confident in a new environment. We offer many opportunities to for the children to learn and grow at their own pace. We help our students build confidence by learning classroom rules and expectations, learning to share, how to be a friend and using their words to communicate their ideas. They will learn how to control their emotions with activities that focus on copings skills to navigate big and difficult problems. They will learn through play and games that encourage learning the alphabet, numbers and name recognition.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

4 years old by August 31st

This class is intended for children who are eligible for kindergarten the following school year. We use a hands-on approach to learning in this classroom. We believe the best way to build confidence in children is to provide challenges, both mental and physical, and give them help and encouragement that is necessary for success. Our goal is to present the children with a wide variety of developmentally appropriate activities and provide an environment that promotes kindergarten readiness and optimum development. They will begin handwriting, the alphabet, sight words, and numbers 1-20. We strive to make each lesson fun, challenging, unique and full of age-appropriate activities while at the same time acknowledging and giving honor to God.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

Junior Kindergarten is a transitional class for students who could benefit from an additional year of preschool before entering Kindergarten or who need more of a challenge and a structured environment than our Pre-K class offers. Your child will work on reading skills by learning letters, phonics, and sight words. They will continue to develop their handwriting skill through our Handwriting Without Tears curriculum. Using math curriculum, Singapore Early Bird Math Common Core Edition, students will learn ten frame math which includes counting, addition and subtraction. The class will also focus on Art, Science, Music and Movement. Enjoying lunch together will foster independence and enhance their personal responsibility (i.e. manners, cooperation, cleanup, and time management).

EXTENDED DAY (LUNCH BUNCH)

This after school program is for parents that desire their children to have extra time at school for lunch (bring from home), and recreation for continued social and academic development.

