

# Holy Ghost Lutheran School Preschool Overview



## At A Glance:

**Pre-K 3's:** A program built around hands-on experiences, play, and an introduction to the school setting. Program is available 2, 3, or 5 days a week from 8:30 - 1pm.

**Teacher: Jennifer Francis**

**Pre-K 4's:** A full day program designed with a wide range of curriculum elements and experiential learning. This program prepares children for Kindergarten. Program is available 3 or 5 days a week from 8:15a - 2:45p.

**Teacher: Leah Sallach**

**Discovery and exploration are keys as we embrace being a little learner and Jesus follower.**

*A message to Parents...*

Parents,

We are excited to share our preschool programs with you! The Holy Ghost preschool program has a long tradition of preparing students for success in the classroom and beyond. Children experience interaction with others their age and caring adults. They have opportunity to learn how to share and be a friend to others. Most of all they hear each day about the God who loves them, who redeemed them, and is always with them!

Thousands of children have learned these things at Holy Ghost. Many of those continue their academic careers within the loving environment that Holy Ghost offers. Some of the friendships that were forged over sharing crayons as a preschooler are still the relationships that support them through life today. Some are now parents sharing the Holy Ghost experience with their children.

Our teachers offer a preschool program that centers on what children need. The program helps children develop into a school ready and life ready learner. Come and see why parents are choosing Holy Ghost!

## Purpose:

At Holy Ghost Lutheran Preschool, we will share the love of Christ in all that we do, as well as:

- Provide a pleasant social and developmental experience in a classroom setting
- Promote a healthy attitude toward school and group activities
- Encourage creative expression
- Offer activities for developmental growth
- Build self-confidence through experiential opportunities
- Encourage self-control
- Provide faith building opportunities



## Curriculum:

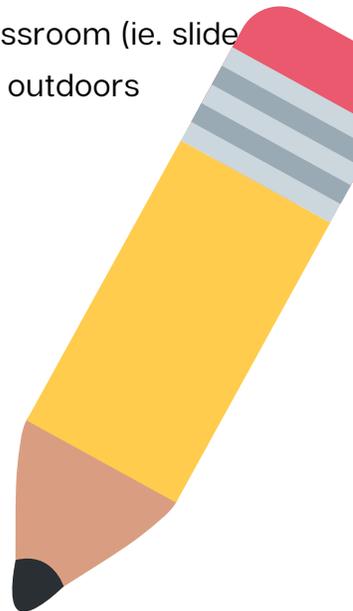
The Preschool curriculum at Holy Ghost is taught thematically. Incorporated into each theme are lessons pertaining to each of the following areas:

- Bible stories, activities & crafts
- Math activities
- Science experiences
- Art and Music activities
- Emergent Literacy lessons
- Reading Buddies with 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Fitness Friends with 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Physical activities in the classroom (ie. slide parachute, tumble mats), & outdoors playground

## Goals:

By the end of the school year, our goal is that each child will:

- Have acquired age appropriate social skills
- Demonstrate proper use of all classroom supplies and materials (including but not limited to; scissors, glue, paints, writing materials, etc.)
- Have acquired many of the pre-reading and writing skills such as recognizing name in print, beginning letter formation, and letter (and sound) recognition.
- Know that Jesus loves them



# Seven Areas of Learning:



## 1. Spiritual:

Students will listen to stories from the Bible and sing songs in praise to God. Students will know Jesus as their Savior. Students will know that God is our friend and He loves us. We can respond to God's love by praying and showing love to each other.

## 2. Social:

Children are encouraged to develop their social skills in a healthy way by practicing these skills in all aspects of the day. Students will be able to communicate their thoughts to peers and adults. This stage of development is critical for developing empathy and self-regulation. Independence in personal tasks is also nurtured.

## 3. Reading Readiness/ Language Arts

Children are exposed to a variety of literature including nursery rhymes, poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. Students will engage with pre-writing and writing concepts to create understanding of the written word and to build vocabulary. Comprehension and speaking skills are developed through group discussion, oral directions, and taking turns in conversation. All play areas will also incorporate various types of communication

## 4. Math

Children will learn math applications through specific instruction and daily practical application. Math concepts such as patterning, graphing, calendar, sorting, measuring, and counting are taught.

## 5. Science

Students are encourage to develop their sense of wonder about the world God made. Science concepts such as predictions, observations, experiments and STEM projects lead to better understanding of the world around us.

## 6. Art and Music

Creating art and music are integral to the learning process. Daily music opportunities include morning circle time songs, rhythm instruments, dance, and performance of music.

Art incorporates painting, sculpting, coloring, and using anything available to create work. Focus is put on the process not just on the product.

## 7. Large and Fine Motor

Large motor skills are developed through games and movement activities which include running, hopping, marching, balancing, ball skills, parachute, yoga, and other group games. Fine motor activities include lacing, stringing beads, cutting, art, and other manipulatives to develop muscles.

# Preschool Sample Schedules:

## Pre-K 3's

8:30a: Arrival, morning work, table toys  
9:15a: **Morning Meeting** - daily jobs and theme introduction  
9:30a: **Jesus Time**  
9:45a: **Music & Movement**  
10:00a: Bathroom & handwashing  
10:05a: Snack  
10:30a: **Theme Work/Art Time**  
11:15a: **Clean Up & Story Time**  
11:35a: **Learning Centers/Outdoor Play**  
12:05p: Bathroom and handwashing  
12:10p: Lunch  
12:40p: **Books, Books, & more Books!**  
1:00p: Dismissal



## Pre-K 4's

8:30a: Arrival, morning work, free play  
9:15a: **Circle Time** - daily jobs, calendar, & theme introduction  
9:40a: **Learning Centers (theme work)**  
10:40a: Snack  
10:45a: Clean Up, Bathroom, Snack & **Puzzle Time**  
11:00a: **Jesus Time**  
11:15a: **Large Group Activity/Art**  
11:45p: **Outdoor Play/Gross Motor Activities**  
12:15p: Clean Up & Lunch  
12:45p: **Individual & Group Reading**  
1:00p: **Quiet Time** (rest/quiet activities)  
1:50p: **Music & Movement**  
2:00p: **Theme Work/STEM**  
2:15p: **Free Play**  
2:30p: **Wrap Up - story, song, & prayer**  
2:40p: Pack-up/Clean up  
2:45p: Dismissal



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