

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

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OBJECTIVE:

St. Peter's Lutheran Church takes seriously its obligation to teach and train children in accordance with the Savior's command. "Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it."

ADMISSION POLICY:

St. Peter's Lutheran Preschool offers classes to children who are three or four years old. Students in the 3-year-old class must turn 3 within the quarter they start school. All children must be fully "potty trained" and able to handle their own bathroom needs and responsibilities. St. Peter's Preschool does not discriminate on the basis of color, religious belief, family background, or other criteria.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

We request that all families give a two-week notice in the case of withdrawal of a child from this program. Refunds will be given based upon the two-week notice. The remainder of the payment after the two-week period will be refunded in full.

IMMUNIZATIONS & HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

Proof of immunizations is required before your child may attend class. A sheet describing the requirements is available in the school office. A physical is also required by Wayne County Health Department and is good for two years from the date of the exam.

INJURY AND EMERGENCY FORMS:

An emergency card must be filled out prior to a student's first day of class and will be updated once a year, usually at orientation, if the child is a returning student. The card is required by the Department of Human Services and gives us ready access to parents' contact information as well as the contact information for someone other than the parents in case of an emergency where the parents cannot be reached. It also indicates to whom we may release your child.

STAFFING:

St. Peter's Board of Education and St. Peter's Church Council have approved all staff members of St. Peter's Lutheran School. All staff members are active members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. All staff members are screened for prior criminal convictions, child abuse, and neglect of children.

LOCATION:

The location of St. Peter's Lutheran Preschool is on the campus of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School, located at 1309 Penniman Avenue in Plymouth, Michigan. A fire safety inspected area is utilized.

FIRE PROCEDURES:

In case of a fire emergency, the preschoolers will exit through the west doors and line up in front of the church on Penniman Ave. This procedure is practiced throughout the year. A map is posted in the room.

TORNADO PROCEDURES:

In case of a tornado emergency, the preschoolers will be housed in the boys' locker room, adjacent to the gym. All of the walls are interior walls. This procedure is also practiced during the school year.

COMMUNICATION:

Monthly newsletters are sent home highlighting upcoming events and topics. Conferences are held in the fall and spring to discuss the students' progress. Drop off and pick up times are another opportunity to speak with the teacher. Please feel free to contact the teacher any time there is a concern or question.

DISCIPLINE:

Children will be dealt with fairly and individually in a positive manner. We want to encourage self-control and cooperation. If a problem arises, the child will be asked to discontinue the inappropriate behavior. If the child continues, he/she will be given the choice of discontinuing such behavior or accepting the consequences (removal from the group, toy or privilege taken away). If the problem still continues, the child will need a private discussion with the teacher. If there is still a severe problem, the parent will be called to remove the child for the remainder of the day. If for any reason, the child continues to be unable to participate in the group, it may become necessary to remove the child from the program. The pastor and principal will have the final word in such an event.

PARENT PARTICIPATION:

Parents are welcome to volunteer in the classroom. We especially need volunteers for class parties. A parent is required to attend field trips. Each family will also be asked to help at one classroom cleaning bee, during the school year, where toys and surfaces will be thoroughly disinfected.

SNACKS:

St. Peter's Preschool will provide all snacks. Please make certain that you inform the teacher of any allergies your child has. Parents may be asked to bring in special treats for holiday parties.

CURRICULUM:

St. Peter's offers a play-based preschool program for three and four year olds. Our curriculum is based on ACTIVE LEARNING. Through active learning the child, by acting on objects, and interacting with people, ideas, and events, constructs new understanding. The time spent with materials appropriate for their age level is their work time. Preschool is all about learning while having fun! These activities are planned to enhance your child's development in the following areas:

Spiritual Growth: Most importantly, we pray and strive to help your child grow in his/her knowledge of God, God's love for sinful man, and God's plan of salvation through Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Social Growth: We strive to help your child develop appropriate social behavior (such as sharing, taking turns, being responsible, being independent) and develop respect for others through interaction with children and adults.

Emotional Growth: We strive to help your child develop control and understanding of feelings through learning about feelings, learning how to interact and respect others' feelings, and learning appropriate ways to express feelings.

Physical Growth: We strive to provide opportunities for your child to develop fine and large motor skills as well as knowledge about one's physical needs, senses, and changes through a variety of indoor and outdoor activities.

Cognitive Growth: We strive to help your child develop in the areas of reading readiness, math concepts, problem solving, communication, and organization through a large variety of experiences and activities.

May our gracious Lord guide us as we work together (home, school, church) to carry out Jesus' words in John 21:15, "feed my lambs." We look forward to your child's educational experience here at St. Peter's. May He bless the staff and parents as we together remember these words of promise in Proverbs 22:6, "Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not turn from it".