

Thank you for your interest in our preschool. Below are questions most asked by parents when they inquire about East Heights Preschool. If you have further questions or would like to visit our facility, please call us at: (316) 682-0375 or email: robin@ehumc.org Director: Robin Eshelman

WHAT AGE CHILDREN DO YOU TAKE?

We accept children between 2 ½ -5 years of age. All children enrolling in the 2 ½ class must be 2 by March 1st. All children must be 3 by September 1st to enroll in the 3's class. All children entering Pre-K must be 4 by September 1st. All children enrolling in the T-K class must be 5 by Sept. 1st. All children also need to be fully potty trained.

WHAT CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE?

2 ½ yrs: T/TH a.m.

3 yrs: M/W/F a.m. or M/W/F p.m. or T/TH a.m. or T/TH p.m.

Pre-K: M/W/F a.m. or M/W/F p.m. or T/TH a.m. or T/TH p.m.

Pre-K: M-F a.m. or M-F p.m.

T-K: M-F p.m.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOURS?

Morning classes meet from 9:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Afternoon classes meet from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The Early Bird registration fee is \$55 if you enroll your child before May 30, 2012. As of June 1, 2012, the registration fee will be \$65. This registration fee must accompany the registration form.

TUITION FEES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE:

Attending 2 days per week \$100.00 per month.

Attending 3 days per week \$135.00 per month.

Attending 5 days per week \$205.00 per month.

*Tuition may be paid monthly, quarterly, or yearly.

ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Applications are available from the Director.

WHAT IS THE MAIN EMPHASIS IN YOUR PROGRAM?

East Heights is a non-denominational Christian preschool. While we teach Christian values, we do not teach Methodist doctrine. The children are encouraged to be kind to one another, to share, and to care for the world that has been given to us. Our emphasis is on:

Socialization – learning to play with others and to be comfortable with a group of children.

Developing a positive self-image.

Enrichment – new experiences with science, art, physical coordination, music and books.

Readiness – experiences appropriate to ease the transition to Kindergarten.

ARE YOUR TEACHERS EXPERIENCED?

Our teachers have either a Bachelor or Master Degree in education and have a background in Early Childhood through their education and/or teaching experience.

WHAT DO THE CHILDREN DO EACH DAY?

While activities vary depending on the ages of the children, the following activities are generally available each day.

Concept development – fingerplays, sequencing, memory games, etc.

Creative art experiences

Music – rhythm instruments, singing, listening, movement

Books – reading, listening, storytelling, flannel board
Science – experimentation, sorting, plants, cooking
Large muscle play – the playground or the multipurpose room
Small muscle activities – puzzles, playdough, stringing beads, scissor skills, etc.
Language stimulation through conversation and writing/dictating stories
Free play in the various classroom centers

DO YOU TAKE FIELD TRIPS?

Yes. Our field trips may include: Applejack Pumpkin Patch, The Great Plains Nature Center, The Wichita Art Museum, Klausmeyer Dairy, Tanganyika Wildlife Park and Botanica Gardens.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT PRESCHOOL TO DO FOR MY CHILD?

- *Reinforce Christian values taught in the home
- *enhance self-concept
- *improve motor skills
- *encourage creativity
- *increase vocabulary
- *expose him/her to new experiences
- *provide him/her with an enjoyable school experience
- *help him/her to learn to get along with others and make new friends.
- *stimulate a questioning attitude
- *improve listening skills

HOW MUCH TEACHER/PARENT/HOME CONTACT IS THERE?

Before school starts your child's teacher will arrange a center visit. This will be a time to get acquainted and answer any questions you might have. You are encouraged to keep the teacher informed of any home situations that might be affecting your child. Brief, Fall evaluations are sent home in November. Parent/teacher conferences are held each April with a more intensive evaluation of your child's skills.

Each month you will receive a parent newsletter both printed and via email of the month's events. Newsletters keep the parents well informed of the preschool's activities.

Throughout the year, there are many activities for families to participate in. They include a Fall Open House, Autumnfest Fun Night, Christmas Activity Day, various field trips, a Christmas program, a Spring Open House and celebration for the Pre-K students.

The teachers are also ready to greet you and your child each day as you arrive at preschool and try to share a brief tidbit of information with you as they put your child into the car at the end of the class session.

HOW DO I ENROLL MY CHILD?

Enrollment for Fall begins in March. Come by or call the preschool, informing us that you wish to enroll your child. You will be asked to fill out an enrollment form available from the preschool office or on our website and return it with the registration fee to:

EAST HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL
4407 EAST DOUGLAS
WICHITA, KS 67218
316-682-0375

East Heights United Methodist Church Preschool is open to all children regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry or gender.

Please check our website @
http://www.ehumc.org/children_preschool.php