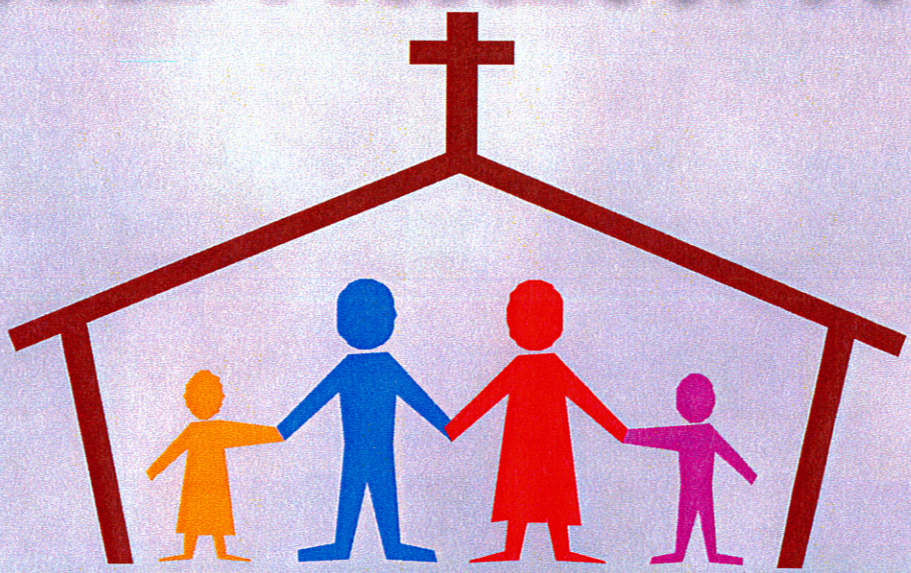
# Welcome to Discovery's "Christian Preschool Program"



## Program Overview

The purpose of this overview is to:

- Help you to become more comfortable with our program and to answer possible questions you may have.
- Give you a better understanding of the X/P room, our goals and objectives for the up coming year.
- Introduce you to the primary teachers of your child's program.

We hope you will find this of use and welcome any questions or concerns you may have at any time.

Program Goals for the X/P Room:

The X/P Room is a multi-age setting, with children ranging in ages from 2 – 5 year olds.
Here is a list of some of the general goals and objective we have:

- Encourage independence in children to make choices for themselves, when choices are available, in a safe environment.

- Enhancing children's development in the four main areas: spiritual growth, cognitive growth, social / emotional growth and physical growth.

- Allowing children to explore new materials so that they may get a better understanding of the world around them.

- Providing developmentally stimulating activities.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our Christian Preschool Unit programming is based on a Christ centered biblical perspective of the world. We encourage all children to achieve excellence through diligent, cooperative play and interaction, highlighting A God consciousness. Emphasis will be placed on biblical character virtues according to the uniquely gifted potential of each child, and with respect to our responsibility to one another in our global community.

## CLASSROOM MOTO

Honor God
Honor Others
Honor Property

## OUR VISION

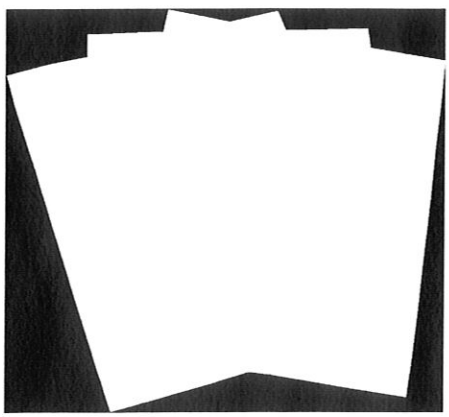
Our vision is to have a biblically based learning environment where children grow to be devoted followers of Christ who are confident decision makers and considerate of the worth of others and their decisions. We will seek to lead children to an understanding of the love and forgiveness of God given freely to them, and in turn the opportunity to share and reflect that love and forgiveness towards others.

X/P Room Journals

Each child will have a communication book or journal, which will circulate between daycare and home each day. Contained in the journal will be a description of a new skill that has been accomplished, a new material that has been explored, a virtue the child is exhibiting or daycare prayer requests. Items or drawings may be glued on a page to highlight something special. At home, parent and child may glue in a special treasure found on a walk, tell of something special that happened or record answers to prayer and prayer requests. Each day we will be reading the journals with the children.

Since the journals are a daily activity, we will need to rely on you to take it home, work together with your child and have your child bring it to the daycare each day. Please be assured that we only expect one simple entry each time. At home, your child can re-visit a school experience and read the journal to you and other family members. This is a great beginning to developing literacy skills.

If you have any questions about the journals please ask. We look forward to working on these with you.



P.S. PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR CHILD'S JOURNAL IN THE X/P ROOM IN THE JUNGLE BOX. If you are unsure as to the box's locations please feel free to ask a staff member.

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR X/P FAMILIES

- Please label all your child's belongings. Often the children in our room may have the same or similar items. As well, we encourage the children to put away their own clothing and lunches and occasionally they end up in the wrong locker.

- If your child requires medication while they are at daycare, it is necessary for parents to complete a medication form. A staff will provide you with a form and will put your child's medication in a locked cupboard or locked box if it requires refrigeration.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY TYPE OF MEDICATION IN YOUR CHILD'S LOCKER, LUNCH BAG OR BACKPACK... THIS IS FOR ALL CHILDREN'S SAFETY, INCLUDING YOUR OWN CHILD'S SAFETY.

- Please note: staff members cannot administer medicine unless it is prescribed for your child by a doctor and is in its original bottle. Over the counter medication (i.e.Tylenol) can only be administered if accompanied by a doctor's note and if it has a medication label from a doctor.

- Please take some time and read the white board in front of the room daily. It will describe what the class has done that day (at circle time, activity time, special events, prayer requests, etc.)

- We are extremely excited about our program this year and encourage your input - as it is invaluable to us. Please feel free to speak to one of our staff with any feedback or prayer requests you may have.

# Christian Preschool Schedule

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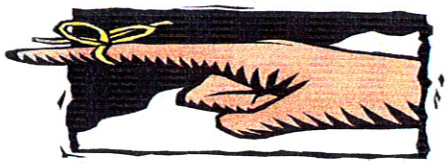
| 7:00 - 7:30 | Flex Room - Free Play |
| 7:30 - 8:30 | XP Room - Free Play |
| 8:30 - 9:00 | Snack |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | Gym |
| 9:30 - 10:30 | Bible Story and Activity |
| 10:30 -11:15 | Outside / Large Muscle Room |
| 11:15 - 12:00 | Lunch |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Bathroom, Brush teeth, Book and Bed |
| 12:30 - 2:30 | NapTime / Quiet Time |
| 1:00 | Non nappers go to Room 12 for free play |
| 2:30 | Free Play |
| 2:00 - 3:00 | Gym |
| 3:00 | Snack |
| 3:30 | Free play/ Outdoor time |
| 5:00 | Large Muscle room |
| 5:30 | Room Closed |

Remaining children go to Flex Room

Some final reminders:

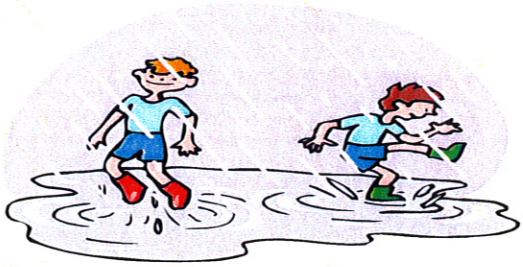


- Please have your child in appropriate "work clothes" as we have an "optional smock" policy at our centre. We believe that children learn best by doing and our activities include water, paint, sand or cornstarch, to name just a few!

- In addition, with regards to clothes, please ensure your child has a change of clothes. Accidents sometimes occur and our supply of extra daycare clothes is limited. Also, we spend a great deal of time outside. To make your child's experience the most enjoyable, we would ask that they are dressed appropriately for the outdoor conditions.
- We have a sign in/out sheet that we require you to use. While inside, it will always be hanging on the post by the microwave. The teachers use a similar clipboard to ensure that we have accurate records and that we are aware of your child's presence.

Our Centre Parental Policy will give you a description of our behavior management policy. To further iterate this, in X/P we do not believe in time outs. We feel that when children are having a difficult time, they are telling us that they need time to themselves, whether this be reading a book with a teacher or doing a puzzle on their own. This quiet time assists them to compose themselves, so then they may resume group activities. We do not tolerate violence of any kind and will address the issue, on an individual basis. We consistently encourage children to be respectful of one another, to themselves, and to teachers (and parents). Children are taught that talking about problems is the best way to solve them. We also feel that responsibility is extremely important and have learned that even young children can take ownership with assistance of caring adults.

## Goals for the next year:



The X/P Room current goal is to continue with the development of the Emergent Curriculum. Throughout the day the children will be our guides in our planning of activities, therefore there may be times in which our daily schedule may be adjusted or we may miss out on a gym time or outdoor play experience.

## Guidelines for Emergent Teaching:

- ★ Set the stage and allow time
- ★ Open the space and let the children combine areas
- ★ Avoid interrupting significant play
- ★ Keep the clean-up options open
- ★ Refer children to each other
- ★ Observe consciously