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"I Can Make a Difference"

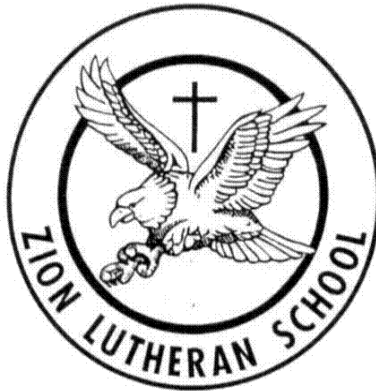
Zion Students are....

Christ-Centered,

Academic Achievers,

Responsible Citizens with

Exceptional Character and **Servant Hearts**



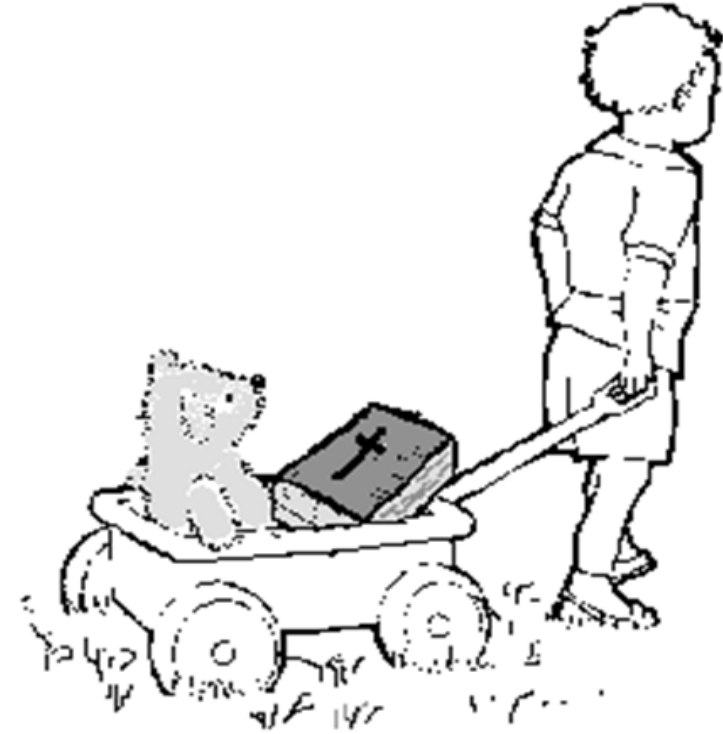
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Parent Handbook

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Living, Learning and Leading through Jesus Christ!

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Preschool

Zion Preschool exists as an extension of the ministry of Zion Lutheran Church where the goal is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We want to partner with parents in preparing their children for their educational future and their eternal life.



Philosophy

At Zion Lutheran Preschool, we believe that every child is worthy of respect and is a capable learner. We provide a Christian learning environment where children are nurtured emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Our program encourages children to become fully involved in each day's activities and provides a multitude of play-based experiences that foster creative expression and world discovery.

Throughout each preschool day, the children are encouraged to grow closer to Jesus and learn more about Christian life.

Reporting Obligation

In accordance with California State law, all of our teachers are classified as mandated reporters, obligated to report reasonable suspicion of physical or emotional abuse or neglect.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Non-Discriminatory Policy: Zion Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, and national origin and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality or ethnic origin in administration of its policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

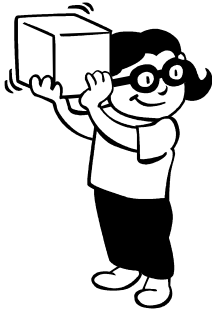
Accreditation

Zion Lutheran Preschool is accredited by NLSA (National Lutheran Schools Accreditation).



Special Events

We are happy to celebrate your child's birthday in his/her classroom. Please coordinate with your child's teacher which day you plan to bring a treat. Please keep sweets to a minimum. Pudding, jello, fruit or yogurt cups are a nice substitute for cookies or cupcakes. Celebrations should be confined to snack time. Class parties and field trip information will be posted well in advance for your child to participate. Occasional evening events are planned for the entire family.



Discipline Policy

According to the Scriptures, we ought to *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it"* (Proverbs 22:6). Our discipline policy is modeled after Christ's love and forgiveness in all situations. We redirect behavior whenever possible. If a child is being disruptive or hurtful, they may take an age-appropriate time out and/or talk with the teacher. In very serious situations, the child may be removed from the group if their behavior is deemed detrimental to the group. Your child's teacher will keep in close communication with you in all situations. Learning from loving discipline is always the goal.

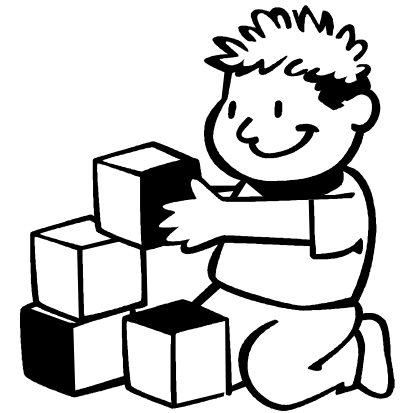
Daily prayers, mealtime devotions, Bible stories and a curriculum infused with Christian values offer many opportunities for early spiritual growth.

As a ministry of Zion Lutheran Church, this accredited preschool serves the community by providing a Christ-centered environment where children and their families can learn about entering into a personal saving relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

About Our School

Our preschool serves children ages 3 through 5 years who are potty trained. We offer a flexible 2-3-4-5 days a week schedule to meet every families need. The Pre-K class offers a great blend of Kindergarten readiness activities and hands-on learning centers. In addition, art, crafts, and music enhance the curriculum.

The three-year-old class is designed to inspire your child's sense of wonder and curiosity in their first introduction to a structured school day. They will enjoy painting, puppets, story time and time to make new friends and develop new social skills. Each preschool day begins with Bible stories, songs of praise, and devotions, as we recognize that Jesus is our cornerstone.



Classroom Hours

Each day our classes begin at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 12:15 p.m. A generous mid-morning snack will be served, and your child will go home for lunch unless they are staying for daycare. If you know you will be late in picking your child up, please call the school office so the teacher can be informed.

Daycare



Daycare is available Monday through Friday from 12:15-3:00 pm. A \$20.00 late fee will be imposed beginning at 3:01 p.m. with an additional charge of \$2.00 per every minute thereafter until your child is picked up. After being late 2 times, our staff will need to re-evaluate your child's eligibility for daycare.

If your child will be staying for afternoon care, please send a lunch and a small blanket. If a lunch is forgotten, an emergency lunch will be provided from our school hot lunch program and the cost will be added to your account.

A Change of Clothes

Zion requires a complete change of clothes for your child to be on hand in the classroom at all times.

Accidents and Illnesses

It is our responsibility to ensure that we are providing a safe and healthy environment for learning. If your child is ill, please keep them home for their own sake and as a courtesy to others. Children must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. All prescriptions or medications must be given to the teacher and a medication form filled out. We are well equipped with first aid supplies for minor injuries. The parent will be notified immediately when their child becomes ill and needs to be taken home. Please keep your contact information updated. The parent will also be notified of any injury more serious than a band-aid can handle.



School Dress

Clothing should be suitable for a play-centered environment with closed-toe tennis shoes. No flip flops for playground safety reasons.

Chapel

Preschool children attend chapel services each Wednesday morning in the church.