

Zion C.A.R.E.S.

"I Can Make a Difference"

Zion Students are....

Christ-Centered,

Academic Achievers,

Responsible Citizens with

Exceptional Character and Servant Hearts

nationality or ethnic origin in administration of its policies, admissions policies, programs, and school-programs.



Accreditation

Zion Lutheran
accredited by
Lutheran Schools

scholarship and loan
athletic and other
administered

Preschool is
NLSA (National
Accreditation).

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Zion Lutheran Preschool

Highlights to the Preschool-Grade 8 Handbook



Parent Handbook

2015-2016

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Living, Learning and Leading through Jesus Christ!

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2014-2015

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, socially, cognitively, 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

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.

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,



Time" each Monday morning. Some of those Bible Times are done by Pastor Demel. After the Christmas break, the P-4 attends chapel each week and the P-3 attends once a month. They continue to have their own Bible times throughout the year.



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, muffins or yogurt cups are nice substitutes for high sugar treats. **We would prefer that you not bring cupcakes with lots of frosting as the children tend to lick off the frosting and not eat the cupcakes. This can be a problem for children sensitive to sugar, which effects the whole class.** 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

to grow closer to Jesus and learn more about Christian life. Daily prayers, mealtime devotions, Bible stories and a curriculum infused with Christian values offer many opportunities for early spiritual growth.

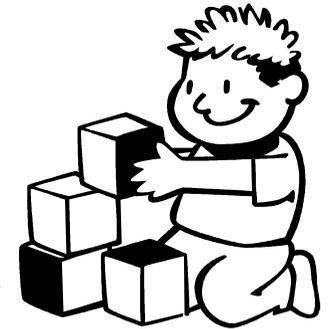
As a ministry of Zion Lutheran Church, this accredited preschool serves the community by providing a Christ-centered environment where children and their families can learn about entering into a personal saving relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

About Our School

Our preschool serves children ages 2 1/2 through 5 years who are potty trained. We offer a flexible 2-3-4-5 days a week schedule to meet every family's needs.

The P-4 class (which is a Pre-K) offers a great blend of Kindergarten readiness activities and hands-on learning centers. In addition, art, crafts, and music enhance the curriculum. We also have a T/K component.

The P-3, which is our 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

We have a flex schedule. The early birds arrive at 8:00 a.m. and leave at 12:00 p.m., while the late birds arrive at 9:00 and leave at 1:00. Children can also attend from 8:30 to 12:30. A generous mid-morning snack (which is supplied by parents on a rotating basis) will be served. Early birds do not stay for lunch, but late birds and children staying for daycare buy or bring their lunches. 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 12:00-3:30 pm. A \$20.00 late fee will be imposed beginning at 3:31 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. If a lunch is forgotten, an emergency lunch will be provided. You can also order hot lunches through the school office.

A Change of Clothes

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

Accidents and Illnesses

Please help us keep your child healthy by keeping him/her home when they are ill. If your child appears to be under the weather upon arrival, we will send him/her to the office to have his temperature taken. 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

At the beginning of the year, preschool children attend chapel services with the big kids occasionally on Wednesday mornings, but they have their own "Bible