

## WE BELIEVE

A good preschool program recognizes that:

1. preschool children learn through play.
2. learning necessitates pupil involvement.
3. creativity in all areas (language, arts, music, etc.) needs to be encouraged while helping the child respect the rights of others.

Every day we shall provide:

1. time and equipment necessary to stimulate and enrich the child's play.
2. hands-on experiences which require the use of all five senses.
3. experiences which encourage creative thinking processes and facilitate expressing those thoughts in song, dance, language or through the media of art.

### THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

In 1986, Paradise Valley United Methodist Church Preschool received acceptance into the Academy, the only national accreditation program existing today. The Academy, a part of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, sets the standards of excellence in Early Childhood. The Academy reviews our program each year and re-accreditation is completed every third year.

The ten components of the accreditation process are: (1) interactions among staff and children, (2) curriculum, (3) staff-parent interaction, (4) staff qualifications and development, (5) administration, (6) staffing, (7) physical environment, (8) health and safety, (9) nutrition and food service and (10) evaluations.

To validate the high quality of our program and show pride in our profession, we proudly display our certificates of accreditation in the Preschool Office.

## OUR OBJECTIVES

**LANGUAGE ARTS:** To develop expressive and receptive skills. Including but not limited to: creative dramatics, poetry, finger plays, composing group experience stories, recording individual language, group speaking, listening skills, beginning phonics and exposure to the best in children's literature.

**SCIENCE:** To stimulate curiosity and develop a scientific approach by observing, recording, experimenting, sorting, classifying and being responsible for live animals and plants and to explore the properties of objects with all five senses and through water play and cooking. To establish good health habits including but not limited to: nutrition, exercise and concern for and care of the environment.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** To expose children to multicultural customs and historic events. To increase the child's awareness of the people who are a part of his/her world through classroom visits, visual materials and dramatic play.

**ART:** To provide an environment with a multitude of creative experience for each child to explore including but not limited to: painting, clay, collage, woodworking and paper crafts.

**MUSIC:** To make music an integral part of a child's life at school through listening experiences, singing, rhythm, and creative movement.

**MATHEMATICS:** To explore relationships (e.g. less, more, part, whole, few, many), one-to-one correspondence, matching shapes, proportions, and balance as well as number concepts.

**PERCEPTUAL MOTOR:** To enhance the child's self-perception of his/her body through movement experiences that focus on gross motor skills, spatial relationships, and balance, and coordination, unilateral, bilateral and cross-lateral movements.

## REGISTRATION

Registration for those children who are currently enrolled at PVUMC Preschool, is in February for the following September. Registration for all other children, takes place throughout the year. Upon receiving the child's application a \$35.00 non-refundable processing fee, your child's name is added to our list of prospective students. As soon as a space is available for your child, you will be called. The full registration fee is due at that time. We keep all applications until you tell us your child will not be attending PVUMC Preschool.

You are welcome to visit at any time; whether for Mom's Morning Out and/or to discuss any concerns you have about our school or your child's enrollment.

## ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is open to all children regardless of ethnic or religious background. When we have a place for your child, we will call you and request the registration fee be sent. No place is secure until the full registration fee is paid. Enrollment is usually completed in March.

## STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Once your registration fee is paid, the next communication from us will be the August newsletter. It will describe the events of August-September. You will receive the Parent Handbook at Open House.

## STARTING DURING THE YEAR

When spaces become available during the year, we look at our prospective student list. Keeping in mind your request for days, your child's age & sex, and the make-up of the class, we will contact you if an appropriate space becomes available.

## PLACEMENT PRIORITIES

*Priority is determined by the date that the application for preschool is received and processed by the Preschool Director for that individual child.*

Preschool placement priorities for children, who wish to attend the preschool, are as follows: (for children admitted after July 1, 2002)

1. Children and/or legal dependents of PVUMC Preschool contracted employees.
2. Returning students (children who currently attend the preschool).
3. PVUMC members (as defined by PVUMC).
4. Siblings of returning students.
5. Siblings of former students.
6. All others on the wait list.

Above policies could be waived by Preschool Director working in conjunction with the Preschool Board Executive Committee.

## PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR UNBORN CHILDREN

Applications for unborn children (mother is pregnant with the child at the time application is filled out) will not be processed until the birth date of the child and other needed information is verified by phone or in person and the processing fee is paid. (Effective July 1, 2002)



## FEES

Registration - \$175.00 NON-REFUNDABLE

Tuition for 2008 – 2009 (per month)

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|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Parent Toddler (per session)          | \$240.00 |
| Co-op                                 | \$140.00 |
| 2 days a week                         | \$155.00 |
| 3 days a week                         | \$215.00 |
| 4 days a week                         | \$300.00 |
| 5 days a week                         | \$375.00 |
| Expanded (Pre-K)                      | \$395.00 |
| Extended (Pre-K, extended until 1:00) | \$435.00 |

**PARADISE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESCHOOL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE/CANCEL CLASSES BASED ON CLASS SIZE, PARENT REQUESTS OR TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES AS THE PRESCHOOL REQUIRES.**

The **PARENT-TODDLER PROGRAM** is for parents and toddlers (ages 18 to 24 months).

The **CO-OP CLASS** is for children (24 to 35 months) and their parents. Each parent is required to work in the classroom approximately two times a month and attend orientation classes at the beginning of the year.

**PRESCHOOL CLASSES** have an approximate nine month age range between the oldest and the youngest child in the class with a balance of boys and girls. Class size increases as the children get older. Class sizes are limited by the Preschool Board to insure a quality program and follow NAEYC Academy teacher/child ratios.

**T/TH EXPANDED CLASS** is for 4 and 5 year olds. The class hours are 9:00 to 11:30 on M/W/F and 9:00 to 1:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children bring their lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The **EXTENDED DAY** class is for those children who turn five by December 31. The class hours are from 9:00 to 1:00 Monday through Friday. The children bring their lunch to school every day.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS** will be offered each year. Registration and information for these programs will be mailed in August and/or as the programs begin throughout the year.

The **MOM'S MORNING OUT** program, provides a nursery setting for children who are strong walkers. The cost is \$16.00 per morning. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance to insure a spot for your child.



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Preschool invites you to visit us and  
experience the unique and valued  
world in which your children can work,  
play, learn and grow!*

