

### CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

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# <u>PARENT INFORMATION PACKET FOR 2020-2021</u> \*Please Keep These Informational Pages for Your Records\* (Rvsd. 03/31/2020)

Dear Prospective Preschool Parents:

Attached are the registration papers for **Crossroads Christian Preschool**. Please read through the following carefully **before** submitting your completed forms.

**CCP** is *licensed and supervised by the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Welfare, Division for Children and Youth.* As a fully accredited, non-discriminatory, state certified and supervised preschool; we comply with all standards set by the State regarding space, facilities, adult to child ratio, and health requirements.

**CCP** provides an atmosphere fostering self-esteem, social skills, leadership and academic achievement, while building a strong spiritual foundation for the children at a young age. Our preschool program focuses on the whole child. The children are encouraged to discover the wonders of the world that our loving God has created and the wonders within themselves. We want to guide children to find pleasure in developing new skills and to lay the groundwork for their future school years. Through the love and guidance of the teachers and other adults at **CCP**, we encourage growth in understanding themselves and others; and, most of all, to like the person they are becoming.

We encourage parents to be involved in as many aspects of the school as possible. Parents are welcome to help in the classroom unless the presence of the parent is disturbing to the child and, therefore, to the classroom.

The children at **CCP** are in the hands of experienced and highly qualified teachers. The teachers and preschool director keep abreast of developments and innovations in preschool activities. The teachers and preschool director are always available to answer questions concerning teaching methods and the overall program.

### **CLASS OPTIONS**

1. **2K Program** Children who turn 2 by September 1 of the current school year. This program is also great for children who turn 3 in the summer, and the child's parents know that they will be waiting to send their child to 4K.

Children do not need to be potty-trained but actively working on it. This program is a great introduction to preschool for young children and will focus on developing their social, listening, independence, and self-help skills.

2. **3K Program** Children who turn 3 by September 1 of the current school year and confidently potty-trained. This program is a great introduction to preschool and will focus on the skills to best prepare them for 4K.

### FEATURES OF CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Early childhood is a time for education in living. Later education, in the development of intellectual skills, will be fully effective only if the children have first learned to positively live with themselves, their parents and playmates, and to approach their environment with curiosity and creativity. The skills taught at **CCP** can enrich the skills learned at home through the following features:

- 1. Secure, loving Christian environment with warm and loving teachers.
- 2. In a loving Christian environment, both programs will help guide the children to find pleasure in developing new skills and to lay the groundwork for their future school years. \*\*A child may be placed in a class based on his/her maturity level and academic development versus solely on his/her age. This would be at the sole discretion of the Director of Preschool.
- 3. Optional Month-to-Month Lunch Bunch! Lunch Bunch is available to both the 2K students and the 3K students. Lunch Bunch is a 90-minute extension of the day until 1:00 pm on Mondays and/or Wednesdays. Children enjoy a packed lunch from home, additional outside play or gym time, story-telling, music, drama, art and more fun with their friends and teachers! (Cost: \$12.00/day)
- 4. Optional Nature and Science Program! Nature and Science is available to both the 2K students and the 3K students. These young scientists meet on Fridays from 9:00 to 11:30 am and engage in hands-on experiments, nature walks and science activities that spark their imaginations! This program provides a fun and exciting opportunity for the children to be outside and learn about the world around them. Not every child learns best sitting in a classroom. There is value in learning in many different ways. This is also a great way to gradually increase the number of days a child attends school. Parents can sign their child up on a 3-month basis or for the year. Cost: \$23.00 per day
- 5. <u>Program curriculum.</u> In a Christian-based learning environment, the teachers introduce the children to age appropriate academic skills and social-emotional learning. The curriculum is reviewed and revised accordingly each year based on feedback from local Public 4K teachers as to what they are looking for in incoming students.
- 6. Class sizes are 12 students in the 2K program and 16 students in the 3K program. Each classroom always has a lead teacher and a teacher assistant in the classroom. In addition, we will try and have a trained volunteer who is either a member of Crossroads or a preschool parent in the classrooms each day.
- 7. Children receive both large group and small group academic instruction from one of the preschool teachers throughout the day.
- 8. **Field trips** are conducted throughout the year, utilizing community resources. The children ride a school bus to the field trip in the fall. The spring field trip is typically an in-house field trip.
- 9. We are blessed to have a **large**, **enclosed**, **outside play area** to provide a release of energy and to develop large muscle coordination.
- 10. When it is too cold or rainy outside, the children have their large motor activity in the indoor gym.
- 11. Children have **cooking projects** throughout the year. Benefits of cooking with children include: teaching about healthy food choices, following directions, patience, cooperation, teamwork, developing motor skills such as pouring, reading recipes, introducing measuring skills, and the satisfaction of completing a project.
- 12. **Parent-teacher conferences** are conducted in the fall and a written assessment of the child is provided in spring. A parent may request to meet with their child's teacher any time throughout the school year.
- 13. We have large classrooms for expression of imaginative play.
- 14. Our classrooms are **full of opportunities** for enrichment, including: books; dress up clothes; wood working tools; play house area; sensory table; art supplies; puzzles; educational toys and games.
- 15. Sharing and caring time; art and music activities.
- 16. Emphasis on good manners and listening.
- 17. Emphasis on children feeling welcome and encouraging them to work and play together.
- 18. Both classes attend a 15-minute music class twice a month with the Directors of Worship.
- 19. Each class sings songs that they learned in music class at their **Christmas Program** and an **End of the Year Celebration** for their family and relatives.
- 20. **Library time** supports early literacy by building vocabulary and sharing age-appropriate literature in an atmosphere of fun, engaging activity.
- 21. Both classes participate in a **Father Get Together** once per year so the children and Dads can share in a fun time together. Grandpas and/or a significant male friend may also attend instead.

- 22. Both classes participate in a **Mother Get Together** once per year. This is always a special time with Mom and/or Grandma.
- 23. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background or ability. \*\*You do not need to be a member of Crossroads Presbyterian church to enroll your child in the preschool.

### **PARENT'S ROLE**

- Participate in the fall orientation program;
- Provide transportation to and from school;
- Attend the parent/teacher conference in the fall; a spring conference is optional.
- Opportunity to volunteer in the classroom. (This is optional.)

### **REGISTRATION POLICIES**

- 1. A Non-Refundable \$100.00 Registration Fee must accompany the registration forms or the registration will be considered incomplete. \*\*Fifty dollars of that amount will be applied to the first tuition payment in August. Any child that cannot be placed by the beginning of the school year shall have the entire amount of the registration fee refunded. Any family whose child is registered at CCP but then withdraws their child at any time, will loose the entire \$100.00 amount.
- 2. Returning students and their siblings, as well as members of Crossroads Presbyterian Church, shall have priority over other applicants, as long as the necessary registration forms and the \$100 Registration Fee are received on or before January 15, 2020. All returning students and their siblings and members of Crossroads who register after January 15 will lose their returning and member status and will be considered new students. If there is a student who has the possibility of returning for another year, we recommend that you register the child as soon as possible.
- 3. When the school is full, a waiting list will be established according to the date registrations are received.

# <u>TUITION AND FEES:</u> Our tuition costs are very competitive. The annual tuition for the 2020/2021 school year is as follows.

\$1,542 for 2K Preschool Program (2-days) (Monday & Wednesday: 9:00-11:30 am) \$1,542 for 3K Preschool Program (2-days) (Monday & Wednesday 9:00-11:30 am)

\$2,209 for (3-days) (Includes Friday Nature & Science enrollment starting in September)

(Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00-11:30 am) \*\*Parents can add the 3<sup>rd</sup> day at any time during the school year. Payment would then be adjusted accordingly.

These prices do not include a nominal fee for field trips and lunch bunch.

<u>DUE DATES:</u> Tuition is paid in three installments, August 1; November 1 and February 1. An invoice will be provided to each family based on whether their child is attending 2 days or 3 days. \*\*Please pay the amount that appears on your invoice.

\*\*Families may pay the tuition in full by August 1st if they so choose.

The preferred method of payment shall be by credit card. If paying by check, the check is made payable to Crossroads Presbyterian Church. A \$25.00 fee will apply to all checks returned for insufficient funds.

\*\*If you sent in your registration form prior to February 2020, **your canceled check or credit card payment for the \$100.00 is your confirmation** that your registration papers were received. The Acceptance Letter will then be sent in the month of May and will list dates for the upcoming preschool year as well as other important information. Tuition and due dates are subject to change for school years other than that school year listed above. For those who have registered for the current year near or after the August 1st deadline, the \$100.00 registration fee along with the tuition for the fall semester are due when you send in the Registration Form.

### **TUITION DISCOUNTS**

A registration fee discount shall be applied to families who have two or more children currently enrolled in the preschool program during the same school calendar year. The non-refundable registration fee is \$50.00 per child (per year) or \$75.00 maximum per family. So, a family who has two or more children in the program at the same time would pay a total of \$75.00 in registration fees in addition to the \$50.00 per child fee that will be applied to the first tuition payment in August. (i.e. The total amount for two children who attend the program at the same time would be \$175.00 versus \$200.00.)

# **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

Crossroads Christian Preschool appreciates that each student is created by God with unique gifts and talents. We also understand that providing a private Christian education, even at the preschool level, may require sacrifice and commitment for some families. Crossroads Christian Preschool is pleased to be able to offer scholarships for families who need assistance with their tuition. This is available for you or someone you know who is interested in this program. Please contact the Preschool Director for additional information.

## **LATE FEES**

There is a grace period of 5 days allowed. If after the 5-day grace period payment is not received, then a late fee of \$10.00 will be applied to the account. If **CCP** does not receive the tuition and late fee at the end of the 5-day grace period, the child's participation in the program will be compromised. A spot for the child cannot be guaranteed unless payments are received. Once payments are received, the child will be reinstated and can resume participation in the program if a spot is available. \*\*If there are financial difficulties, the Director of Preschool should be notified immediately so an alternate payment plan can be arranged.

### **REFUNDS**

- 1. No refunds in tuition will be made unless a <u>two-week written notice</u> prior to the child's withdrawal and request for refund is sent and received by the Director of Preschool.
- 2. Refunds from August 1<sup>st</sup> to the first day of school shall have a minimum deduction of \$50 from the tuition already paid plus the \$100 deposit withheld for a total of \$150.00.
- 3. Refunds after the first day of school are calculated as follows: Each tuition payment covers a 3-month period. The child's tuition for the month in which the refund request is made is not refundable. The family will be reimbursed for the remaining month(s), if any, of the paid 3-month tuition period. The date of the refund request is the date that the Director/Administrator of Preschool receives the written notice of withdrawal.

<u>VISITS - We encourage you to visit our facility prior to enrolling</u>. Please call Maureen Leurquin, Preschool Director, for a personal tour and to verify that the classes are in session and will be at the school on the particular day that you plan to visit.

We thank you for your interest in our Christian preschool. For more information, please call or e-mail Maureen Leurquin, Preschool Director, at the church 262-242-1670 or <a href="maureen.leurquin@crossroadspres.org">maureen.leurquin@crossroadspres.org</a>. We also invite you to visit our preschool website at www.crossroadspres.org>connect>preschool.