



Lancaster Brethren Preschool Curriculum Overview

Lancaster Brethren Preschool strives to meet the pre-educational needs of 2 to 5-year-old children in a loving and caring environment. We are a developmental program that focuses on socialization skills as we prepare children for the next level of their education. We rely on theme-based materials in our classrooms in an age appropriate manner to begin to foster in children a lifetime love of learning and to give them the skills necessary for elementary school.

Themed Units:

Throughout the course of the school year, we cover many themes in the various classrooms. We rely on these themes to enhance the skills that we are introducing the children to. Themes that we cover include, but are not limited to, the following:

Seasons	Holidays	Shapes
Nature	Space	Colors
Five Senses	Nutrition/Healthy Eating	Farm Life
Children of the World	Animals	Nursery Rhymes

2-Year-Old Class: (Must be 2 by August 31)

Monday and Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Children are nurtured and cared for with the understanding that, for many of them, this is the first time away from their primary caregiver. Children learn many new classroom behaviors: listening to a story in circle time, walking in a line and cooperation skills. Their learning is play-focused. "Focused" play activities are centered around the theme of the day and children are exposed to music, arts and crafts, fine motor and large motor skills while they explore and interact within the classroom.

3-Year-Old Class: (Must be 3 by August 31)

Two days per week - Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Children are welcomed into a positive classroom environment where they can grow and learn through play. They build self-confidence and greater independence through many exciting activities and thematic centers. The 3-year-olds develop a positive mindset about school as they learn through many engaging centers that foster social skills.

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3+ Class: (Must be 3 by August 31)

Three days per week - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting on Fridays gives the class the opportunity to further explore the themes of the month with enriching experiences. Children participate in hands on science activities, process art projects, engaging literacy activities and meaningful play.

4/5-Year-Old Class: (Must be 4 by August 31)

Kindergarten preparedness is the focus of our 4/5 year old classes. We spend the year helping the children write their names and expose them to the alphabet and to the numbers 1-20. Units are explored to foster independent thinking and play in the children. See below for the class options.

***5 Mornings per week:** Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m

Our morning only class is a way for our 4/5 year olds to practice attending school everyday. We will use our time to create daily routines and focus on skills needed on a pre-kindergarten level.

***3 Full days per week:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Our full day class allows students to practice attending school for a longer period of time. Lunch time is a perfect opportunity to work on opening the lunch containers and self-regulating eating in a “cafeteria-like” setting. Children enrolled in our “full day” class will spend the morning focusing on pre-kindergarten skills. Writing their names, exposure to pre-reading and pre-writing activities and early math concepts are part of what will be included on a daily basis. After lunch and recess, the afternoon will be spent further exploring units with additional opportunities in literacy and mathematics. A special focus on Authors and Illustrators are part of every afternoon.

***Pre-K:** Three full days (MWF) + 2 mornings (T,TH)

Children attend preschool every day with three full days. This gives them the opportunity to experience the benefits of long days as well as attending every day.