4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM – Keizer Campus

Crosshill Christian’s preschool classes are designed to provide developmental readiness in preparation for kindergarten success, enhance spiritual well-being, develop personal-social skills and encourage creativity. A lively, hands-on academic program gives children an enjoyable educational foundation and a desire to learn more. Activities that are easily expanded or simplified help us to meet each child’s individual needs and they become successful, challenged learners.

The class is taught using overlapping Letters of the Week and weekly themes with an integrated approach to academic, motor and spiritual development. Mathematical readiness, phonetic and reading readiness, writing readiness, Bible, arts and crafts, music, science and motor dexterity are all areas that are emphasized in our preschool classes.

**Mathematical Readiness:**

Utilizing Footsteps for Fours curriculum, students are taught to count to 15, write and recognize numbers 1-10. Shape recognition, sequencing and sorting, patterning, measuring, graphing and understanding of dates are also taught through hands-on manipulatives.

**Reading Readiness and Phonics:**

A reading readiness curriculum which incorporates kinesthetic, auditory and visual reinforcement is used as a foundation to teach students the phonetic sounds of the alphabet with short and long vowel sounds only. From there, hands on activities, songs, literature, and games are used to expand student’s knowledge of letter sounds as well as how to write the letters. Activities are geared to meet individual student needs are easily simplified or expanded so that each child is met at their level.

**Bible:**

A variety of Bible stories are used to familiarize the students with many people from the Bible. Christ-like character development traits, such as obedience, faithfulness, thankfulness, love, honesty, perseverance, friendliness, etc., are taught in correlation with the Bible story. Monthly memory verses are practiced to give students a basic knowledge of the Christian faith and the love of Christ.

**Arts and Crafts:**

Creativity is encouraged through thematic projects and a variety of media. Skills taught include painting with a variety of objects, drawing, coloring, tracing, clay, cutting, gluing, and collage. Craft projects encourage direction following skills and learning through both auditory and visual cues.
Music:

Musical games, stories and songs are used in correlation with the Theme of the Week study. Students learn rhythm, rhyme, volume, pitch and movement during this exciting time.

Science:

Students take a look at the wonderful world that God created through science. Seasonal changes, plant life, animal and insect studies and, of course, creation are all part of this fascination study.

Motor Dexterity:

Fine motor skills are developed through activities such as finger plays, coloring, cutting, play dough and manipulative toys. Gross motor skills are developed by skipping, galloping, hopping, and throwing and kicking balls during our movement time.

Field trips:

Field trips are taken throughout the year to a variety of locations to help enhance the student’s awareness and understanding of our community. These trips may include a visit to a pumpkin patch, library, humane society, nursing home, etc. Parent involvement is necessary to transport the students on these trips.

Class Presentations:

Community helpers are invited to visit the class from the local fire and police department, dental office, etc. These visitors help the students begin to understand what they do to help serve each of us on a daily basis.