

## Philosophy

We believe that God created each child as a special and unique person. Each child can achieve their full potential through encouragement and challenge, when guided with love and patience.

We believe that children learn through "play". Play promotes self-expression, a time to explore and discover, and provides opportunities to develop social skills. Everything the child experiences is a part of their education.

We believe that every child should have the opportunity to have a well-balanced preschool experience regardless of social, racial, cultural, religious or economic background.

## Purpose

Our purpose is to educate the "whole child" by providing activities for mental, physical, spiritual, and social growth in a Christ-centered atmosphere.



**And Jesus grew in wisdom (mental)  
and in stature (physical) and in favor  
with God (spiritual)  
and man (social)**

Luke 2:52

## Goals

Our goal is to provide a well-balanced program through play and creative activities that allow each child to develop at his/her own rate.

### Mental

To develop feelings of competence and satisfaction in the mastery of new skills

To build positive attitudes toward his/her education for the present and future

To help the child develop a sense of responsibility

To stimulate the child's curiosity and imagination, and contribute to his/her development of ideas and concepts

To teach the basic educational program (science, social science, language, literature, math, music, art & play) in a way the preschool child can understand and learn

## **Physical**

To protect the health and safety of the child and help him/her to develop physically

To encourage the development of large motor skills

To introduce the use of fine motor skills

To help the child learn good health habits

## **Spiritual**

To provide an atmosphere and program in which children are learning to live a Christ-like way of life

To help the children develop a love for others

To help the children develop a love for God



## **Social**

To help the children understand sharing

To help the children become aware of the feelings of others

To help each child develop a sense of self-acceptance

To provide an environment that will foster a sense of security in each child

To help the children learn to feel accepted by his/her teachers and peers

To help each child express himself/herself & release hostility & tension acceptably

## **Staff**

Each staff member is carefully selected for their desire and love to work with your children. Each staff member meets the education required by Title 22 of the state of California & exemplifies a high standard of Christian teaching skills.

## **Teacher/Child Ratio**

Lions N' Lambs Preschool has 15 students per class with one teacher and one associate teacher.

## Daily Program

We offer an enriching program using curriculum such as "Handwriting Without Tears" and "Zoo-phonics", along with weekly themes. Also included in our program are the following:

Art, Dramatic Play, Science, Cooking  
 Math & Math concepts, Music  
 And Language enriching Circle Time



## Stay N' Play

Let the fun continue! Stay N' Play is an enrichment program with a variety of activities offered Wednesday & Thursday with the option to stay until 1:30 P.M. (\$8.00 per day).

## Sample Schedule of Daily Activities

AM	PM (Not Offered)	Stay N' Play
9:00 - 9:45: Children Arrive/Welcome Learning Centers Art, Language, Dramatic Play, Manipulatives 9:45 - 10:15 Circlertime Flag Salute, Calendar, Story Time, Sharing 10:30 - 11:00: Clean Up and Snacks 11:00 - 11:45: Outdoor Activities 11:45 - 12:00: Group Time, Bible, Music and Prayer	1:00 - Welcome, Sign-in 1:00 - 1:30 - Greetings, Free Play Learning Centers 1:30 - 1:35 - Opening Circle Flag Salute, Calendar, Story time, Sharing 2:15 - 2:30 - Snack Time 2:30 - 2:50 - Library/Free Play 2:50 - 3:00 - Clean Up 3:00 - 3:20 - Outside Play Time 3:20 - 3:30 - Bible Time, Music & Movement	<b>Enhancement Program</b> 12:15 - 12:45 - Lunch 12:45 - 1:30 - Art & Special Activity

Due to safety issues, the preschool will generally not take field trips. Occasionally we allow the Tr. Kindergarten and/or Kindergarten to take a field trip. However, we will invite special guests to join us on occasion.

## Snacks

Snacks will be provided daily for your child. A list of school appropriate snacks will be posted in each classroom. If you would like to help in this area by bringing a snack, please let the teachers know in advance. **We are a Peanut/Tree nut free zone. Please do not bring products that include nuts or nut oils of any kind. Also, items should not be processed in the same factory as other products with nuts.** Per state requirements 2 of the 4 food groups must be served in the following portions: **Milk** (1 %, 1/2 cup per child), **Vegetable or fruit/100 % fruit juice** (1/2 cup per child), **Bread/bread alternatives** (1/2 slice or  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup per child), and **Meat/meat alternatives** (1/2 oz. Or 1/4 cup per child). **No cupcakes please.**

## Clothing

Children should wear comfortable play clothes. We will be painting & playing outdoors with the possibility of getting dirty. We request no dressy shoes with slick bottoms, or flip-flops, for your child's safety. Please mark your child's sweaters & jackets with their names as this saves confusion & lost clothing. Each child needs a set of marked clothes for changing in case of an accident of any kind. We will provide a storage box for the clothing. Please provide warmer clothing for their extra clothes when the weather changes.

## Items from Home

Children may bring items from home on share days, which will be scheduled by the teacher on your calendar. Please bring sharing in a bag with your child's name on it. Lions N' Lambs, unfortunately, cannot be responsible for any lost items. Children may not bring gum or candy to school. Special treats may be brought for the whole class but must be distributed by the teacher at dismissal time. However, be mindful not to include items that may contain nuts/peanuts or are processed in the same factory as other products with nuts.

## **Discipline**

If a child is hurting himself/herself or others, the parent will be called and asked to pick up their child. Also, if a child is having a hard time adjusting, we will first talk to them to let them express themselves, and then we will redirect them. If the behavior persists, we will use a short time-away to allow the child time to regain composure. Parents will be informed of behavioral issues by the teacher, verbally or in writing. If behavior still persists, there will be a meeting with the director, parent, and/or teacher. After these steps, if behavioral issues cannot be resolved, the child will be dismissed from the school.

## **Dismissal of a Student**

A child may be asked to leave the school if the child's needs or behaviors show a need for a specialized program beyond what the school can provide. This determination will be made by the director through discussion with the parent.

**Two weeks' written notice** must be given if you plan to withdraw your child from the program. Please bring this notice to the school office.

## **Health Guidelines**

A sick child cannot profit from our program and may infect other children. If your child has any of the following symptoms, they will not be permitted at school: excessive cough; watery, inflamed crusty eyes or eyelids, colored nasal discharge, rash (unless cleared by a doctor's note), fever (must be fever-free without medication for at least 24 hrs), vomiting or diarrhea, and lice or nits in hair. If a child becomes ill while at school they will be isolated, cared for and his/her parents will be notified to pick him/her up. In addition, we are unable to administer medication to children. We will strive to maintain a healthy environment and with everyone's help, we can accomplish this. It is also imperative that parents update cell phone numbers and emergency contact information.

## **Sign In/Out Procedures**

(Person signing in and out needs to be at least 18 years of age.)

It is required by the state that each child be signed in and out with a full signature of the person leaving them and picking them up, along with the time dropped off and the time picked up. We will not let the child leave the premises with any person **NOT** authorized on the emergency card. This person will also be required to present a picture ID.

## **Admission Policies**

Lions N' Lambs Preschool/Kindergarten is open to children 2 years 9 months to 6 years of age.

The child must be fully toilet trained (no Pull-ups). Children with special needs will be admitted on an individual basis with due consideration to the program offered and the needs of the child. Prior to registration, an interview with the child's parent or authorized representative will need to be conducted by the director to discuss the program and their child, to assess whether the school can meet the child's needs. If the child has an IEP the parent or authorized representative will need to provide a copy of the IEP ahead of time for the director to view. All state required forms and tuition agreement must be filled out and turned in before a child can be admitted. If medications are required during school hours, parents must come to the school and administer them. If a child has a serious condition that would require immediate medication, special consideration will be given upon approval of the director.

## **Hours of Operation**

Lions N' Lambs Preschool will operate according to the following hours:

- AM Preschool: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Transitional Kindergarten: 8:30 AM-12:00 PM
- Stay N' Play: 12:15 PM-1:30 PM
- PM Preschool: 1:00 PM-3:30 PM (Not Offered at this time).

Please be considerate of the staff if you are delayed in picking up your child. Please call and arrange for another person, who is on the emergency list, to pick up your child for you and notify the office of the change in plans. If a parent or caretaker is late more than once to pick up a child, there will be a late charge of \$10.00 each time the child is picked up late. After 12:10 P.M. (1:40 Stay N' Play) a person is considered late.



## **Holiday Schedule (Days the school will be closed):**

Labor Day

Fall Break

Veteran's Day

Thanksgiving Break

Christmas vacation

Martin Luther King's Birthday

Lincoln's Birthday

President's Day

Spring Break

Easter Holidays

**(Modifications could change calendar due to Manteca Unified School District changes)**

## **Tuition**

There is a \$100 non-refundable registration fee. Tuition may be paid by cash, check, or online (by debit or credit). Cash payments must be made in the office. We DON'T accept Apple pay or the like.

Our **Transitional K** program is \$3,400.00 per year or 10 payments of \$340.00 per month payable August thru May. **Monday/Wednesday/Friday AM** tuition is \$2,700.00 per year or 10 payments of \$270.00 per month payable August thru

May. **Tues/Thurs A.M.** tuition is \$2,200.00 per year or 10 payments of \$220.00  
**May tuition needs to be paid with exact cash, debit card or cashier's check.**  
**Tuition is due on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month.** There is a \$35.00 late fee for tuition received after drop-off (9am) the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, unless prior arrangements were made with the director. If the 10<sup>th</sup> falls on a day the preschool is closed, a late fee will be assessed after drop-off (9am) of the next school day. Tuition is a yearly fee; therefore, we do not deduct any tuition for holidays or teacher in-service days. If you wish to pay your tuition online, you may obtain procedure information in the school office.

## **Curriculum**

There is a curriculum fee of \$30.00 for 4-year-olds turning 4 by October 1st. The Transitional Kindergarten curriculum fee is \$130.00. These fees are due at the time of registration.

## **Open Door Policy**

We have an "open door policy" which means, as a parent, you are welcome to come into your child's classroom at any time to visit or observe activities. We do ask that you sign in at the office prior to your visit. A director will accompany you as you are on your visit.