

# Preschool FAQs:

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## **Do you offer full day preschool?**

Yes, we offer preschool (8am-11:45am), preschool with lunch (8am-1pm), and a full day program. All programs are offered year round.

## **What are the age requirements for preschool?**

To enter Preschool 3's, your child must be 3 by September 1<sup>st</sup>. To enter Preschool 4's, your child must be 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Guardian also offers a Young 3's class for children 2 ½ years up to 3 years of age.

## **What are the times of the Preschool program?**

Our *Preschool only* program is Monday-Friday 8am-11:45am. Preschool with lunch is 8am-1pm. You pick a minimum of 2 days for children 2-3 years old, and a minimum of 3 days for 4 year old children.

## **What if we need to bring our child earlier than 8:00?**

If you need extended times for the Preschool program, we can add early morning hours before 8am or the child can stay through lunch dismissing at 1pm (parents provide lunch or purchase a school hot lunch). Anything beyond 1pm will be considered a full day program and full day rates would apply.

## **What are the times of the Full Day program?**

Our *Full Day* program is Monday-Friday 7am-6pm. This includes care any of those hours with a preschool curriculum each day.

## **What is the tuition rate for preschool?**

Charges are based on a daily rate and are as follows:

8am-11:45am	\$17.00/day
7am-11:45am	\$18.00/day
8am-1:00pm	\$20.00/day
7am-1:00pm	\$22.00/day
7am-6:00pm	\$32.00/day

There is also a \$50.00 non-refundable Enrollment Fee and a \$30.00 Activity Fee which covers field trips and special parties or activities in the classroom. Non potty-trained children are charged an extra \$4.00 per day fee.

**Can we change days of the week throughout the school year?**

No, children must be enrolled for specific days of the week. We do not offer flexible schedules. The schedule may be altered if there is availability in the classroom and with director's approval.

**Do we need to bring a lunch and a snack?**

The Preschool program includes one nutritious snack with beverage. Our Full Day program includes two nutritious snacks and you would provide lunch (either bring a lunch or purchase a hot lunch). Milk, juice, or water is also provided for full day lunch and snacks.

**Does my child need to be potty-trained before starting preschool?**

No, your child does not need to be potty-trained; however, there is a \$4/day non-potty-trained fee. Children must be in pull ups and attempt to use the bathroom with assistance.

**What are the staff qualifications at preschool?**

All staff must meet the requirements set up by our state licensing. All staff are CPR, First Aid, and Blood Borne Pathogen trained. All staff complete 24 clock hours or more of training each year in the field of early childhood.

**What curriculum to you use?**

Guardian Lutheran Preschool curriculum incorporates three styles – play-based, theme-based, and classroom learning centers. Our curriculum helps to enrich and enhance cognitive, language, social, emotional, physical, and creative development.

Preschool classrooms incorporate age-appropriate programs to help children grow in the following key aspects of school readiness:

- Stable relationships with adults who are emotionally invested in your child
- Group settings offering peer interactions and the opportunity to learn social skills
- Consistent, predictable daily routines that are part of your child's schedule.

**What are the benefits to enrolling my child at Guardian Lutheran Preschool?**

Being a Lutheran preschool, Guardian Lutheran incorporates Christian values into our program. The children will participate in Bible stories, songs, and prayer before snacks and lunch. In a Christian setting the child will be free to explore his environment, express feelings and begin to understand and control them in a forgiving atmosphere through the grace of God. The staff of Guardian Lutheran Preschool regards the development of the whole child as their primary goal. We work to create an atmosphere that will allow each child to feel comfortable and secure while they are away from their home. Parents and staff work together for the benefit of the child.

**How do I sign up for a tour?**

Guardian Lutheran encourages parents to request and attend a tour of the school prior to being admitted. You can do so by calling the office at (313) 274-3665. We look forward to meeting you!

**I am interested! What is the enrollment process?**

Interested families who want to enroll their child(ren) can fill out an enrollment form (see website under Admissions) and submit to the school office along with a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization records, and a \$50.00 enrollment fee.

