



As the longest running preschool in Hinsdale, Grace Episcopal Church Preschool has been educating children since 1953. Our play-based programs strive to help each child develop awareness of themselves and others, gain preschool appropriate skills, and a passion for learning. Our school promotes a safe, caring, and supportive environment; and encourages kindness and cooperation in every child.

Licensed by the state of Illinois, and a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools, Grace Preschool has morning and afternoon classes for 2, 3, 4 and 5 year olds.

## Grace Church Preschool Goals and Objectives

Encourage learning and the joy of learning

Develop self-awareness, a positive self-concept and an awareness of others

Grow in social and emotional relationships

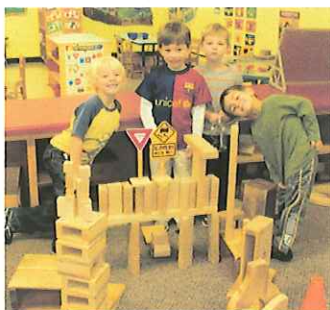
Learn responsibility and acceptance of others

Provide sound, age appropriate, learning opportunities

Develop fine and gross motor skills

Encourage self expression

Nurture Christian values and development of good character



**We invite all parents to visit our school,  
observe in our classroom, and meet our staff!**

## Two-Year-Old Programs

- Tuesday and Thursday Mornings From 9 am to 11am
- 1 to 5 Teacher to Child Ratio
- Daily Activities Include: Discovery Time (imaginary play, fine and gross motor activities, math, science and language exploration centers), Craft Time, Outdoor Play or Large Muscle Activities, Music and Dance, a Designated "Circle Time", Snack and Story Time
- Objective: To Introduce 2-year-olds to a "School Routine" While Socializing and Learning Through Play
- Annual "Color Day" Celebration in January For the Entire Family
- Grace Preschool Ice Cream Social in May



### Two-Year-Old Class Schedule

9:00 am	Arrival and Hand Washing
9:00 am - 9:50 am	Discovery Play Time
9:50 am	Clean-Up
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Circle Time (songs, finger plays, dance, games and stories all related to the day's "theme")
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Snack and Story
10:30 am - 10:45	Craft
10:45 am - 11:00 am	Outside Play (weather permitting) or Large Muscle Activities (exercise, bean bags, parachute, etc.)

## Three-Year-Old Program: Morning or Afternoon

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday
  - Mornings: 8:45 am – 11:15 am
  - Afternoons: 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
- Letter of the Week
- Weekly Music Enrichment Class
- Weekly Chapel
- Monthly Health & Fitness Day
- Dad's Day (bring your dad to school on a Saturday)
- Mother's Day Celebration
- Grace Church Preschool Ice Cream Social
- Extended Day Available (see "KIDS CLUB")
- Daily Activities include: Opening meeting (welcome song, Pledge of Allegiance, calendar & patterning) Play, Art, Literature, Science, Math and Large and Small Muscle Activities



### Three-Year-Old Class Schedule

#### Arrival & Hand Washing

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| 15 min | Daily Meeting (welcome Song, Pledge of Allegiance & calendar)   |
| 35 min | Discovery Time (imaginary play, fine and gross motor activities, math, science and language exploration centers, arts & crafts) |
| 10 min | Clean-Up  |
| 15 min | Circle Time   |
| 15 min | Snack   |
| 25 min | Outside Play(weather permitting) or Large Muscle Activities (exercise, bean bags, parachute, etc.)                              |

Dismissal

## Four-Year-Old Program: Morning or Afternoon

- Monday through Friday
  - Mornings: 8:45 am - 11:15 am
  - Afternoons: 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
- Journey Through The Alphabet
- Weekly Music Enrichment Class
- Weekly Chapel
- Monthly Health & Fitness Day
- Dad's Day (bring your dad to school on a Saturday)
- Mother's Day Celebration
- Grace Church Preschool Ice Cream Social in May
- Extended Day Available (see "KIDS CLUB")
- Daily Activities Include: Opening Meeting (welcome song, Pledge of Allegiance, calendar, & patterning) Rotating Imaginary Play Centers\*, Play, Art, Literature, Science, Math and Large and Small Muscle Activities

*\*Imaginary Play Centers change every month. Examples include: Grocery Store, Pizza Parlor, Farmers Market, Rocket Ship, Castle... Whenever possible, a guest from the community (a grocer, a local pizza restaurant owner, etc.) is invited during the month to teach the children about their job.*



## Four-Year-Old Class Schedule

### Arrival & Hand Washing

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| 15 min | Daily Meeting (welcome song, Pledge of Allegiance & calendar)   |
| 35 min | Discovery Time (imaginary play centers, play, fine and gross motor activities, math, science and language exploration centers, art) |
| 10 min | Clean-up  |
| 15 min | Circle Time   |
| 15 min | Snack   |
| 25 min | Outside Play (weather permitting) or Large Muscle Activities (exercise, bean bags, parachute, etc.)                                 |

### Dismissal



## **K-Club**

- Mondays & Friday

- 12:45 pm - 3:15 pm

Intended for 5 & 6 year old kindergarten students, K-Club is a kindergarten enrichment program. It enhances and supplements skills and concepts being taught in kindergarten. It is taught by a certified elementary school teacher. Daily activities include: play time, arts and crafts, science/science experiments, math activities, literature, teacher directed "discovery time", outside time or exercise activity and snack time.



## **KIDS CLUB**

KIDS CLUB is an extend day program for students in the Three's and Four's program.

- Morning Students Attend From 11:15 am - 1:15 pm (immediately following morning preschool)
- Afternoon Students Attend From 10:30 am to 12:30 pm (prior to afternoon preschool)
- A Healthy, Substantial Snack is Served at Lunch Time
- Activities Include: Arts and Crafts, Literature, Music, Games, Playtime & Language Arts
- Children Get the Opportunity to Play and Interact With Students From Other Classes

# Enrichment



## Field Trips & Guest Days

Field trips offer new experiences for the children and help reinforce lessons from school. At Grace Preschool, field trips include visitors coming to the school as well as the children visiting different locations.

During the 2011/2012 school year, the Three and Four year old classes will experience:

- The Hinsdale Library
- The Hinsdale Fire Station
- Fullersburg Woods' Nature Center
- Giuliano's Pizza

Parents are invited and encouraged to visit our school and share about their jobs or interesting hobbies. Dentists, pilots, guitar players (to name a few) the children love special guests!

## Enrichment Assemblies

At least twice per year Grace Preschool sponsors enrichment assemblies for the students which are open to all Grace families! This year the children will enjoy Dave Herzog's Marionette Show, as well as "Mother Goose"- an interactive nursery rhyme performance.

## Parenting Series

Several times a year Grace Preschool hosts professionals who speak on topics specific to parenting young children. In the past, these speakers have included educators, social workers, nutritionists, authors and child psychologists. The series is educational, current, informative and often allows time for question and answer as well as discussion. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents

while gaining important parenting tips and skills. This series is open to the community.

## **Parent Committee**

All Grace Preschool parents are encouraged to become involved with the Parent Committee. The parent committee is a way for parents to meet and interact with other Grace families while enriching the life of the school. The committee strongly supports the preschool curriculum, provides a forum for parents to meet, and assists in organizing many of the school's outreach and fundraising events.

