

2012-2013 PRESCHOOL CALENDAR

Wed, Aug. 29 Get-Acquainted for East Location Students
T/TH Students 6:00-6:45PM
M/W/F Students 7:15-8:00PM

Wed, Aug. 29 Get-Acquainted Day for M/W/F Students
M/W/F AM Students 10:15-11:00AM or 6:00-6:45PM
M/W/F PM Students 1:15-2:00PM or 7:15-8:00PM

Thur, Aug 30 Get-Acquainted Day for T/TH Students
T/TH AM Students 10:15-11:00AM or 6:00-6:45PM
T/TH PM Students 1:15-2:00PM or 7:15-8:00PM

Thur, Aug. 30 Get-Acquainted Day for Fantastic Five Students
AM & PM Fantastic Five Students 1:15-2:00PM or 6:00-6:45PM

Tue, Sept. 4 **First Day of School** for 3-Year-Old Classes

Tue, Sept. 4 **First Day of School** for Fantastic Fives

Wed, Sept. 5 **First Day of School** for 4-Year-Old Classes and

Thur, Oct. 4 SD Preschool Teachers' Conference-**NO SCHOOL**

Fri, Oct. 5 SD Preschool Teachers' Conference-**NO SCHOOL**

Mon, Oct. 8 Native American Day-**NO SCHOOL**

Mon, Nov. 12 Veteran's Day-**NO SCHOOL**

Tue, Nov. 13 Parent-Teacher Conferences--**NO SCHOOL**

Wed, Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Break-**NO SCHOOL**

Thur, Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Day-**NO SCHOOL**

Fri, Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Break-**NO SCHOOL**

Thur, Dec. 6 Mrs. Tams' Christmas Programs 6:00PM & 7:30PM

Fri, Dec. 7 Miss Oesterreich's Christmas Program 6:30PM

Mon, Dec. 10 Mrs. Asmus' Lord of Life Christmas Program 6:30PM

Tue, Dec. 11 Fantastic Fives Christmas Program 6:30PM

December 19-January 2 Christmas Break—**NO SCHOOL**

Thur, Jan. 3 and Fri, Jan. 4 Classes resume

Thur, Feb 14; Fri, Feb. 15 President's Break-**NO SCHOOL**

Mon, Feb. 18, Tue, Feb 19 President's Break-**NO SCHOOL**

Thur, March 7; Fri., March 8 Grandparent's Day

Thur, March 28, Fri, March 29 Easter Break-**NO SCHOOL**

Mon, April 1, Tue, April 2 Easter Break-**NO SCHOOL**

Thur, April 18 Parent-Teacher's Conferences-**NO SCHOOL**

Fri, April 19 Parent-Teacher's Conferences-**NO SCHOOL**

Thur, May 9 **Last Day of School** for 3-Year-Old Classes

Fri, May 10 **Graduation** 10:00am for 4-Year-Old AM Classes

Fri, May 10 **Graduation** 1:30pm for 4-Year-Old PM Classes

Last Day of School for 4-Year-Old Classes

Fri, May 10 **AM & PM Fantastic Fives Graduation** 1:30 PM

Last Day of School Fantastic Fives

World Ready, Faith Secure

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Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6

Sioux Falls Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational or admission policies, athletics and other school administered programs.

Dear Parents,

"Why? What? When? How?" are questions you have likely heard your children ask. Preschool is a place where young children learn to answer those questions as they play with other children and adults. Our curriculum is designed to capitalize on your child's natural curiosity and promote development by supplying a rich variety of experiences. Additionally, because preschool is perhaps the first time your child will be separated from you and familiar surroundings, we will help your child develop appropriate ways of relating to new friends and other adults, to share, and to develop self-control and responsibility in a safe, warm, loving, Christ-centered environment.

Our educational program is informal and flexible. **We teach academics the way young children learn-through a hands-on, play-based curriculum.** Because children are naturally creative, we offer ample opportunities to enhance their creativity through art, music, and play. Large muscles are developed through activities such as running, skipping, jumping, and creative movements. Fine motor skills and eye-hand coordination are built through finger plays, puzzles, manipulative toys and art activities. Sensory discrimination experiences are provided by comparing and contrasting colors, shapes, and sizes. Language development, number concepts, and reading readiness will also be explored. Your child's spiritual development will be enhanced through simple prayers, songs, Bible stories, art projects, and monthly "Chapel Time" provided by our community's Missouri Synod Lutheran pastors.

Field trips are offered to our 4 and 5-year-old classes, and a variety of community helpers come for educational visits as well to all of our classes. Twice monthly, teachers trained in the Kindermusik© method visit each classroom and build on your child's natural love of music with fun songs, instruments, and musical play. Once or twice each month, the children learn to cook by making their own snacks. And finally, our year is highlighted with annual child-led Christmas services and the 4 and 5-year-old graduation ceremonies.

Please feel free to drop by your child's classroom anytime! Thank you for allowing us to serve your child during this very special time in their lives.

God's richest blessings,
Mrs. Sandy Tams
Preschool Director



DAILY SCHEDULE

- ◆ Free Play
- ◆ Opening
- ◆ Choosing Time (Free Play, Art, or Activity Worksheet)
- ◆ Snack Time
- ◆ Outdoor or large muscle play
- ◆ Religion
- ◆ Story and Music



Parents are also encouraged to help with parties, field trips, secretarial work, or sharing their occupations and hobbies with the children. Please contact the teachers about participation in these areas. Also, visitors are always welcome during the class sessions.



REQUIREMENTS

All new students will need a SD Health Immunization record form completed and a current physical. A copy of these forms must be given to your child's teacher. You will receive specific information and necessary forms during the "Get Acquainted Time" in the fall. **We require that children in preschool be potty trained.** If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Tams or your child's teacher.

SCRIP PROGRAM

SCRIP is a program which helps families earn cash credit for their child's tuition. Gift certificates are purchased at face value and in turn, participating vendors rebate cash credit to the school to be applied to tuition balances. Family members and friends can also direct their credit to your family's account. We encourage all families to participate in this wonderful program. More information is available in the office about the SCRIP program.



ACCREDITATION and STAFF

Our preschool is accredited by both the State of South Dakota and National Lutheran Schools. Each class has a certified teacher plus one or two assistants, depending on class size. Student to teacher ratios are approximately 6/7 to 1 for 3 year olds, 8/9 to 1 for 4 year olds, and 12 to 1 for 5 year olds.

■ **Mrs. Sandra Tams**—Preschool Director & teacher. She is a certified teacher with an Early Childhood Endorsement, and Masters Degree in Administration. Mrs. Tams teaches 3 and 4 year old classes at the central location. She has teaching experience in Preschool and First Grade.

■ **Mrs. Lisa Asmus** is a certified teacher with experience in preschool and grades K-8. She is the 3 and 4 year old Preschool teacher at our Lord of Life location.

■ **Mrs. Tina Lenz** is a certified teacher with an Early Childhood Endorsement and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood. She has experience in preschool, Kindergarten and grades 1-3. Mrs. Lenz teaches Fantastic Fives.

■ **Miss Carrie Congdon** is a certified teacher with an Early Childhood Endorsement and experience in preschool and childcare. She is the Preschool Enrichment teacher at our central location.

■ **Miss Leah Oesterreich** is a certified teacher with an Early Childhood Endorsement. She teaches 3 and 4 year old preschool classes at our central location and is one of our Enrichment teachers in the afternoon.

SNACKS

The children are served milk for their snack through the Federal Milk Program. Often, children enjoy bringing special treats for birthdays and special occasions. A snack schedule will be provided each semester. Recommended snacks include fruit, cheese and crackers, popcorn, ice cream, cookies, bars, etc. A one time milk fee is charged at the beginning of the school year to cover milk during snack time.



HALF DAY PRESCHOOL

Preschool Central - 308 W. 37th Street

3-Year-Old AM Class

Tues/Thurs AM
8:45-11:15 AM

3-Year-Old PM Class

Tues/Thurs PM
12:45-3:15 PM

3-Year-Old All Day

Tues/Thurs AM & PM
8:45am-3:15pm

4-Year-Old AM Class

Mon/Wed/Fri AM
8:45-11:15 AM

4-Year-Old PM Class

Mon/Wed/Fri PM
12:45-3:15 PM

4-Year-Old All Day

Mon/Wed/Fri AM & PM
8:45am-3:15pm

Fantastic Fives AM Class

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thur/Fri AM
8:30 -11:15 AM

Fantastic Fives PM Class

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thur/Fri PM
12:30-3:15 PM

Fantastic Fives All Day

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thur/Fri AM & PM
8:30am-3:15pm

Preschool East at Lord of Life

2600 S. Sycamore Ave.

3-Year-Old AM Class

Tues/Thurs AM
8:45-11:15 AM

4-Year-Old AM Class

Mon/Wed/Fri AM
8:45-11:15 AM

A Preschool class may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.



A-OK: Absolutely Outstanding Kids Before and After School Program

Our A-OK program is a before and after school child care program that is available to our students at both the Central and the Lord of Life East Preschool locations. Morning A-OK hours are from 6:45-8:30AM. Afternoon A-OK hours are from 3:15-6:00PM. An hourly fee is assessed only when your child is present in the program.

ALL DAY PRESCHOOL / ENRICHMENT

Enrichment consists of free play/activity time, recess time outside or inside

depending on the weather, snack time (children bring a snack from home), and story time. The children eat lunch at enrichment and may either bring a lunch from home or pre-order* a school lunch. Field trips and cooking activities will be included in enrichment from time to time. Quiet time for resting or napping will be included in the afternoon enrichment program.

Preschool enrichment programs are offered at both our Central and East locations. Preschool enrichment is offered from 11:15-3:15 for children enrolled in morning preschool sessions and from 8:30-12:30** for children enrolled in afternoon preschool sessions. Children enrolled in the M-W-F preschool class may participate in the corresponding M-W-F enrichment program, and children enrolled in the T-TH preschool sessions may participate in the corresponding T-TH enrichment program. Children enrolled in the Fantastic Fives classes may participate in enrichment every day.

PLEASE NOTE: Participation in the enrichment program is for the entire school year and will follow the preschool calendar. Additionally, in order to enroll in an enrichment program, your child must also be enrolled in a 3 yr. old, 4 yr. old, or Fantastic Fives preschool class.

* School lunch is available at our Central location only.

** The morning enrichment program is available at our Central location only.

You may choose

2, 3, or 5 preschool sessions per week, and choose 1-8 sessions of Preschool Enrichment per week.

Sioux Falls Lutheran Preschool accepts Child Care Assistance from the State of South Dakota for qualifying families.



ASSOCIATION CONGREGATIONS

Association members are individuals and families holding membership at one of the following Missouri Synod Lutheran Churches that form the Sioux Falls Lutheran School Association and support the school in part through their offerings:

■ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

601 N. Cliff Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD

■ LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2600 S. Sycamore Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD

■ MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

5000 S. Western Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD

■ OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

2200 S. Western Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD

■ RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

5500 W. 26th Street, Sioux Falls, SD

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

School Closings will be announced for **Sioux Falls Lutheran School** on TV stations: KELO, KSFY & KDLT. Radio: KSOO-AM and KELO-FM.

PTF - Parent-Teacher-Fellowship

We welcome you to join our Parent-Teacher Fellowship organization — a partnership between the parents and teachers of Sioux Falls Lutheran School. Together, we work to provide enriched educational opportunities for all of our students. Information about how you can be involved with PTF will be shared during our “Get Acquainted” sessions in August.

