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# Programs

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. On February, 2 2009, we will have open registration (8:30 a.m.) where any remaining spaces are offered to new students for the following school year.

**2 year old Class**-Children must be 2 by September 1, 2009. The maximum class size is 12 with a teacher and an assistant. This class is offered on Tuesday/Thursday from 9:15-12:15. The children do not have to be potty-trained to participate in this class. This class will operate more as a "Mom's Day Out Program". These children will not participate in the Music, Kindergym and Chapel programs.

**2 1/2 year old Class**-Children must be 2 by March 1, 2009. The maximum class size is 14 with a teacher and an assistant. This class is offered on either Tuesday/Thursday or Monday/Wednesday. The children must be potty trained. The 2 1/2 year old children can not participate in the Lunch-n-Longer program until January 2010 with teacher approval. They do not begin participating in the Chapel program until January 2010.

**Beginner Classes(3's)**-Children must be 3 by September 1st. The maximum class size is 16 with a teacher and an assistant. There are 2 sessions, 2 day: Tuesday/Thursday **and** 3 day: Monday/Wednesday/Friday.

**Pre-Kindergarten Classes**-Children must be 4 by September 1st. The maximum class size is 18 with a teacher and an assistant. There are 2 sessions, 3 day: Monday/Wednesday/Friday **and** 5 day: Monday

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# Information & Fees

through Friday.

**Fees: (2009-2010)**

Registration fee:	\$100.00
<b>Supply fees:</b>	
2-day classes	\$ 80.00
3-day classes	\$100.00
5-day classes	\$130.00
<b>Tuition fees:</b>	
2-day (3 year old)	\$160/mo
2-day (2 year old)	\$170/mo
2-day (2 1/2 year old)	\$170/mo
3-day classes	\$200/mo
5-day classes	\$260/mo

Tuition is based on 180 days of school for the year. There are no changes in payment for months which include holidays or vacation time. No refunds are given for early withdrawal.

**Hours of Operation**-Our school day is 9:15 a.m until 12:15 p.m. Pickup is promptly at 12:15. You are allowed 2 pickups no later than 12:25, then late fees will be issued.

**Lunch and Longer**-Our lunch and longer program is on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday from 12:15 until 2:15 p.m. The fee for each session of lunch and longer is \$35.00 per month. There are no reductions in payment for months which include holidays or vacations.

**Potty Training**-All children must be potty trained to attend with the exception of the 2 year olds.

**Discipline**-When necessary, discipline is administered in a positive manner. "Time out" areas are used if a child needs to be separated, temporarily, from the group. We do not believe in spanking or other forms of physical punishment in a preschool setting.

**Teacher Training**-All of our teachers and aides are highly educated individuals. Many have college degrees. Each of them have completed their 40 hour Child Care training and 10 hours annual inservice. Many of them are also CDA certified. The majority

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# Curriculum

Our readiness program trains the child's perception through the use of sets that invite him to classify by size, shape, color, or pattern. The child is not ready to read until a fixed habit of moving from left to right has been established. A practical understanding of number values comes before written math. We stress rhyming, sequencing, and developing eye-hand coordination through games, toys, craft activities, music, and stories.

We develop gross motor control using not only playground time, but also in the group activities of **Kindergym**, in which the children learn to throw, catch, balance, hop, skip, and jump while playing games and using colorful equipment. Each child attends a Kindergym once a week. Fine motor control is developed through the use of puzzles, scissors, crayons, and play dough. Each child is screened annually.

The **Music Program** is an important part of our schedule, contributing to physical development through rhythms and the use of instruments. Listening skills and vocabulary are sharpened through the singing of many fun songs. Each class attends Music class at least once a week.

In **Chapel** the children are taught moral values with an emphasis on good manners. They are also taught basic Bible stories, through puppetry and storytelling, as well as Bible songs. The 3&5 day children attend Chapel weekly. The 2-day children attend Chapel twice a month.



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# Philosophy

Preschool at Windermere Union Church provides a rich educational program to promote the SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, SPIRITUAL, COGNITIVE, AND PHYSICAL growth of children. The importance of play and free activity in early childhood education is recognized and emphasized. We believe a child's most important work is play. It is through their own imaginative reenactment that children learn to cope with the real world. Social interaction and team work develop from working out conflicts and helping each other find ways to do so.

Through games, creative activities, stories, and songs, children are readied for Kindergarten. Students will be exposed to shapes, colors, numbers, letters, and letter sounds. Children will be encouraged to learn to write their names. Heavy emphasis is not placed on assimilating these skills.

Building a strong, positive self-image is important to every child's growth as a person. We learn to listen and to follow directions. We learn self-reliance, but also how to work together and share. Above all, it is important that we enjoy the time spent in preschool and feel motivated to learn.

Windermere Union Church Preschool is an Accredited center. We are accredited by The Florida Coalition of Christian Private Schools Association, Inc.

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