

## **Kingsway Christian Preschool**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

#### **What are the class options?**

MWF Full Day

T/TH Half Day

T/TH Full Day

\*Your child cannot attend all 5 days. We do not have that option available yet.

#### **Are you an all-year preschool?**

No. Preschool begins each September after Labor Day and ends each May before Memorial Day, for a total of 9 months.

#### **What are the prices for preschool?**

MWF Full Day - \$330

T/TH Half Day - \$140

T/TH Full Day - \$220

#### **Are their scholarships available for preschool?**

Not currently. We are looking into options to make preschool more affordable. If you have a financial need or concern, you can talk with our Director of Admissions for information.

#### **Are you a Step Up to Quality preschool?**

No. We are licensed through the Ohio Department of Education, but do not have the extra certification and requirements that Step Up to Quality requires. We maintain license inspections and the compliance reports are available in our school office.

#### **How early can I drop my preschooler off in the morning? Pick up in the evening?**

The earliest to drop off a preschooler is 7:45am at the West Side entrance. Class begins at 8:15am, so we would like everyone to be there by then. We understand that sometimes we are running behind. If that is the case, you can enter through the front office.

Pick up time is 3:00pm for the full day classes and 11:45am for the half day class. If your child is not picked up within 10 minutes, we will make a call to see what happened.

#### **Do you have child care before or after school?**

We do not provide child care or child supervision outside the hours of 7:45am and 3:00pm.

**Do you provide lunch for my student?**

We offer lunch options through our cafeteria for you to purchase. You can pay online or with check/cash to the front office or teacher. You can also pack lunch.

**How are snacks and special treats handled?**

We have a designated snack time in the morning. You will bring an appropriate snack and size your child will eat. We ask that the snack be from the four food groups and not a dessert. Special treats are reserved for birthdays and party days. We ask that treats be store-bought so we can read the label for any allergies in the room.

**My child has an allergy. How do you ensure their safety?**

We first get as much information from you as possible on the allergy type and what the procedures are for prevention and treatment. We will ensure proper cleaning procedures and analyze the space of the room to accommodate any allergy.

**How many students are in the preschool class? Student-teacher ratio?**

Our preschool can only have 16 preschoolers enrolled in a class. There will be two teachers present with the preschoolers at all times. Our ratio is 1:8.

**What is your preschool's philosophy of education?**

Our approach to teaching and student learning most closely aligns with the HighScope philosophy of education. Consistent routines, well-organized classrooms, and carefully planned academic activities allow students to actively participate in their learning. The students learn through play, in centers and learning activities. We want each student to explore and discover the world around them as God made it.

**What curriculum do you use in preschool?**

Our teachers teach the Ohio Preschool Standards to ensure Kindergarten readiness. They accomplish these standards by teaching to their learning styles and individualized instruction.

Our Bible instruction is achieved using a couple different curriculums. We utilize the Jesus Storybook, Biblical Choices, and The Beginner's Bible: Timeless Children's Stories. Based on the story for the week, the teacher will utilize the different activities that suit the needs of each class that year.

Our discovery curriculum is the Creative Curriculum from Teaching Strategies. This is taught in discovery units, where the students are engaged in the topic and can interact with materials and each other.

Our phonics curriculum is Heggerty for Preschool. The students are engaged using hand motions and a repetitive routine for the foundation of phonics. The preschoolers will also encounter nursery rhymes in the curriculum.

### **What is discipline like in preschool?**

The staff of Kingsway Christian Preschool use positive guidance techniques to help children develop self-control of their behavior. This is accomplished through consistency, modeling, setting limits, and redirection. A positive discipline approach is used in the classroom to teach appropriate behavior. Teachers will stay in close contact with families so that they know how their child is doing behaviorally. If a child's behavior is continually problematic, a conference with your child's teacher and/or administration will be set up to discuss ways in which we can best assist your child. If behaviors pose a safety concern for others and/or require closer supervision from staff members, we may choose to develop a behavioral management plan as a team.

When a child's unacceptable behavior continues despite the efforts of parents and staff, it may be necessary to remove the child from the program. Every attempt will be made to work together with the parents and the child to correct the behavior.

For more information, see the Kingsway Christian Preschool Parent Handbook under the Guidance and Discipline section.

### **What is the Bible lesson and prayer like in preschool?**

Our Bible lesson time happens once a week formally for each class. They are constantly integrating God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit into their days. The formal Bible class usually consists of a story and an interactive, hands-on reenactment with toys. The children are encouraged to use the toys in the center time and reenact the Bible lesson throughout the week. At times, a craft or sheet may accompany the lesson.

Prayer is incorporated throughout the day. The class begins the day with prayer, prays over each snack and meal, prays when someone is sick or hurt, and prays at the end of the day. Children are encouraged to pray.

The students also sing worship songs in Music class. The K-6 Music teacher visits each preschool class at least once a week for their own Music class in the preschool room.

### **Does my child have to be potty trained to attend preschool?**

Yes. We understand that accidents happen and will help assist, but if these become too frequent or disrupt the class learning time, then we will have to talk with the family.

### **Does my child have to wait to use the bathroom?**

No. There is a bathroom in the preschool room, that is preschool size. The toilet is also very quiet so it does not hurt their little ears. Children are encouraged to use the bathroom whenever they need to, even in the middle of a formal whole class learning time. The only time we try to hold off on using the bathroom is during rest time. The whole class takes a bathroom break before rest time and then after.

### **Is there nap time and does my child have to sleep?**

Yes. By law, for a class in attendance over 5 hours, we are required to offer a quiet time between a half hour and one and a half hours with a cot or mat for children to rest. Typically our rest time is 45 minutes. The preschoolers are not required to sleep, but required to stay quiet and on their cot. You can provide a blanket for your child. We provide a sheet to go over their cot and some quiet toys for those students who are unable to fall asleep.

### **Does my child have to have a complete immunization record?**

No. We ask for an immunization record for their file in the case of an emergency. Your child may be exempt from immunizations and that would be noted in their file. We would use this information to give to the health professionals, if we could not get in touch with you first.

### **Can I visit my child or volunteer in preschool?**

Yes. We encourage parent volunteers to read to our preschoolers and to help out with parties or celebrations. If you would like to come and visit the preschool, we just ask that you would tell us in advance so we can plan for the difference in schedule and routine for the preschoolers.

### **Do I have to be a Christian to come to Kingsway Christian Preschool?**

We would love for all people to come to know Christ on a personal level. We recognize everyone is on their own journey of finding Christ. In order for your child to attend preschool, you will need to sign that you agree with our statement of faith and what we will teach here. If you have questions about getting to know Jesus personally or questions about the Christian faith and walk, we would be happy to answer. "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." - 1 Peter 3:15

### **How do you handle talking about families in class when you have a split family?**

We teach that God created everything and everyone. He had laid an example for us to follow in the Bible of a family unit. We understand situations and life events that are not what God intended was best for our hearts, but we do not put split families in a negative light. We want our preschoolers to love all people regardless of the background, just as Jesus loved the Jew, the Gentile, the Samaritan, etc.

## **What is your stance on same-sex relationships? Transgendered individuals? Cat litter in the bathroom?**

We follow the Kingsway Christian School's statement of faith. The following is one statement from that document.

**“We believe** the institution of marriage and the Biblical roles of manhood and womanhood are ordained and designed by God. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning and that marriage is sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union as delineated in scripture. We believe any form of sexual immorality is sinful and offensive to God. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to living in, condoning, or supporting sexual immorality; practicing a homosexual lifestyle or an alternative gender identity; or promoting such practices. (Genesis 1:27; 2:18-25; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6)”

We strongly encourage children to find their gifts and their passions, knowing that God created them as who they are, for a unique purpose. We do not have litter in the bathroom or shared gender bathrooms.