



WILMINGTON
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**PRE-K AND PRESCHOOL
LEARNING CENTER**

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS,
CURRICULUM, AND OVERVIEW.**

"Building a Strong Foundation for Faith, Learning, and Life."

What to expect from our program...

WCA is excited to offer a new preschool experience to the WCA families and community. WCA is incorporating our trusted core values, foundations and educational expectations to better suit our youngest scholars through creating a preschool space catered to accommodating multiple family dynamics and needs.

WCA preschool and pre-k classes use early development standards, Christ centered guidance and theme based, child interest driven approach to learning. Our classrooms use qualified teachers with a wide range of experience to expand the knowledge obtained from our own backyards to show how big God's beautiful world is!

WCA offers 3 classrooms with 5 different schedule accommodating class times to fit all family needs. There is 2 Pre-K classrooms that are intended to create a secure and firm education foundation the year before kindergarten. These 2 classes are meant to teach and build on social/emotional skills, classroom etiquette, peer to peer engagement, and self efficacy. Our 3/4 year old split classroom is meant for those children who may be ready for educational concepts but may not be ready or eligible in the upcoming year for kindergarten. This class is meant to be an introduction to preschool and learning to function in a setting outside of our parents/caregivers. All three classrooms will be teaching preschool programming but the depth and content is varied based on the developmental stage and age of the classroom.

In order to be eligible for our preschool offered classes your child must fit the following:

- * Be 4yo by the first day of school to qualify for the Pre-K classroom schedules
- * Be 3yo by the first day of school to qualify for the 3/4 split age preschool
- * Child must be fully potty trained

Pre-K classroom curriculum and expectations:

At Wilmington Christian Academy Preschool our goal is to provide a nurturing, Christ-centered environment where children grow academically, socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Through hands-on learning, play-based experiences, and daily opportunities to explore God's world, we support each child's development while aligning with the Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS).

How we meet the Ohio Early Learning Development Standards:

Approaches Toward Learning

Children develop curiosity, persistence, creativity, and problem-solving skills through:

- Choice-based learning centers
- Hands-on exploration and discovery
- Open-ended art and STEM activities
- Cooperative play and teamwork
- Opportunities to ask questions and investigate new ideas

Faith Connection: Children learn that God created them with unique gifts and abilities to learn and grow.

Social and Emotional Development

Children learn to:

- Build positive relationships
- Express emotions appropriately
- Develop self-confidence
- Practice self-regulation
- Resolve conflicts peacefully

Faith Connection: We model Christ-like behavior by teaching kindness, empathy, respect, and love for others.

Language and Literacy

Children develop communication and early literacy skills through:

- Daily read-aloud
- Storytelling and dramatic play
- Letter recognition and phonological awareness
- Writing opportunities
- Rich conversations and vocabulary development

Faith Connection: Children hear Bible stories, learn Scripture-based concepts, and engage in discussions about faith and character.

Cognition and General Knowledge

Mathematics

Children explore:

- Counting and number recognition
- Sorting and classifying
- Patterns
- Measurement
- Shapes and spatial awareness

Faith Connection: Children discover order and patterns in God's creation.

Social Studies

Children learn about:

- Families and communities
- Citizenship and responsibility
- Cultural awareness
- Roles within society

Faith Connection: Children understand that God calls us to love and serve others.

Physical Well-Being and Motor Development

Gross Motor Skills

Children strengthen large muscles through:

- Outdoor play
- Movement activities

Games and exercise

Fine Motor Skills

Children develop hand strength and coordination through:

- Writing and drawing
- Cutting and gluing
- Manipulatives and sensory activities

Faith Connection: Children learn that their bodies are gifts from God and should be cared for responsibly.

Faith-Based Goals and Expectations

As a Christian preschool, we integrate faith into all areas of learning.

Goals

Children will:

- * Understand that God loves them and created them with purpose.
- * Learn foundational Bible stories and truth
- * Develop Christ-like character traits

Expectations

- Participate respectfully in prayer and Bible lessons.
- Demonstrate kindness, compassion, honesty, and respect.
- Care for others and God's creation.
- Show gratitude and a servant-hearted attitude.

Scripture Focus

"Let the little children come to me..." — Mark 10:14

By the end of Pre-K, our goal is for each child to be academically prepared, socially confident, physically capable, and spiritually nurtured as they transition to kindergarten.

Things your child should be working on before kindergarten...

- 1. Recognizing full name both visually and verbally**
- 2. Use the restroom independently-wipe, flush, wash hands, button/zip clothes**
- 3. Open their lunch/snack items independently**
- 4. Sit on their bottom in a chair for extended period of time (without falling, spinning, crawling under table, rocking chair)**
- 5. Handle being told “No” without a meltdown**
* disappointment is okay-aggression is not
- 6. Put on and tie their own shoes without help**
- 7. Hold a writing/drawing utensil correctly**
- 8. Pack and unpack backpack**
- 9. Be able to wait patiently**
- 10. Know the difference between left and right**

3/4 year old split preschool classroom curriculum and expectations:

WCAP is excited to partner with you as your child begins an important journey of learning, discovery, and spiritual growth. Our classroom provides a safe, loving, and Christ-centered environment where children learn through hands-on experiences, purposeful play, and meaningful relationships.

Our curriculum is aligned with the Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS) and is designed to support the whole child—socially, emotionally, physically, cognitively, and spiritually.

Our Christian Foundation

We believe that every child is a unique gift from God, created with purpose and loved unconditionally. Throughout the day, children will experience God's love through:

- Daily prayer and Bible stories
- Worship songs and praise activities
- Lessons that teach kindness, compassion, and respect
- Opportunities to practice sharing, helping, and caring for others
- Discussions about God's creation and His love for us

Our goal is to help children develop a strong sense of God's love while building a foundation for lifelong learning.

"We love because He first loved us." – 1 John 4:19

How we meet the Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards

Approaches Toward Learning

What Children Will Learn

- Curiosity and exploration
- Independence and confidence
- Problem-solving skills
- Creativity and imagination

How We Support Learning

- Learning centers and free-choice play
- Sensory exploration
- Art, music, and dramatic play
- Open-ended activities that encourage discovery

Faith Connection

Children learn that God created them with special talents and abilities to explore and learn.

Social and Emotional Development

What Children Will Learn

- Positive relationships with peers and adults
- Emotional awareness and expression
- Self-confidence and self-help skills
- Cooperation and sharing

How We Support Learning

- Guided social interactions
- Classroom routines and expectations
- Opportunities to work and play together
- Modeling appropriate behavior

Faith Connection

Children practice showing God's love through kindness, patience, forgiveness, and respect.

Language and Literacy Development

What Children Will Learn

- Listening and speaking skills
- Vocabulary development
- Early print awareness
- Love of books and stories

How We Support Learning

- Daily story time
- Songs, rhymes, and fingerplays
- Conversations and language-rich activities
- Opportunities for drawing and early writing

Faith Connection

Children hear age-appropriate Bible stories and learn that God's Word teaches us how to love and care for others.

Mathematics

What Children Will Learn

- Counting and number awareness
- Sorting and matching
- Patterns
- Shapes and spatial awareness

How We Support Learning

- Hands-on manipulatives
- Counting games and songs
- Block building
- Everyday math experiences

Faith Connection

Children discover the order, beauty, and patterns found in God's creation.

Science and Discovery

What Children Will Learn

- Observation skills
- Exploration of nature
- Understanding weather and seasons
- Curiosity about the world around them

How We Support Learning

- Nature walks
- Sensory activities
- Simple experiments
- Exploration centers

Faith Connection

Children learn that God created the world and all living things.

Social Studies

What Children Will Learn

- Family and community relationships
- Classroom responsibilities
- Respect for others
- Understanding routines and traditions

How We Support Learning

- Discussions about families and community helpers
- Classroom jobs
- Cooperative activities
- Celebrations and special events

Faith Connection

Children learn that God calls us to love our neighbors and serve others.

Physical Development and Health

What Children Will Learn

- Large motor skills
- Fine motor skills
- Healthy habits
- Safety awareness

How We Support Learning

- Outdoor play
- Music and movement activities
- Art and fine motor experiences
- Self-help opportunities

Faith Connection

Children learn that their bodies are gifts from God and should be cared for responsibly.

Parent Partnership

Families are an essential part of a child's learning journey. We encourage parents to:

- Read with your child every day.
- Pray together as a family.
- Encourage independence at home.
- Communicate regularly with teachers.
- Celebrate your child's growth and accomplishments.

Together, we can provide a joyful, faith-filled learning experience that nurtures your child's heart, mind, body, and spirit.

Our Preschool Goal

By the end of the year, children will have developed stronger social skills, increased independence, early academic foundations, and a growing understanding of God's love, preparing them for continued success in Pre-K and beyond.

Considerations when starting preschool and public group care....

1.The 1st drop off is usually really hard. Sometimes the first few days or even couple weeks are hard. Sometimes the 1st day is great! Then they know what to expect and the new few days are hard. Children learn this is a new routine and new things are hard at first.

2.Your child is going to get sick....at lot at first. Statistically, children starting group care get 8-12 viruses in 1st year of care. This is the immune system training to fight in new environments. Antibiotics will not fix most of these illnesses because it is viruses more than bacteria. Your child's normal immune system environment just met the mass scale of group care immune system environment.

3.Childcare does not affect attachment with parents. Your child can miss you and still be ok.

4.The best "goodbyes" are quick and confident goodbyes. Kiss and Drop. Prolonged goodbyes make the transition harder. It is typically harder on parents than it is on children. Even if the child is screaming/crying, I promise that typically once you are out of sight, we can get them calm and ready to play.

5.Sleep and Appetite often change at first and then shift. Some eat less and sleep differently. Center care has daily implemented routine and structure that very rarely deviates.