Meadows Preschool

Mission Statement: Meadows Preschool offers children the opportunity to feel love and a sense of self-worth while engaging in activities that nurture the development of the whole child. Caring, professional teachers who live by Christian attitudes and behaviors engage children in experiences of active learning, helping to bridge the gap between concrete experience and new concepts.

Enrollment is a commitment beginning late August through the following May. Enrollment will be held the last week of January 2024 for the late August 2024 – May 2025 session. A completed enrollment card and the enrollment/supply fee will be required for enrollment in Meadows Preschool.

Enrollment Dates for late August 2024- May 2025

January 23, 8:00-11:00, for currently enrolled families January 25, 8:00-11:00, for waiting list families *Enrollment will be open to the public beginning January 29, 2024.*

Meadows Preschool offers three *Early* Preschool and three Preschool Classes: Early Preschool Class Breakdown

Turtles, babies born between October 2023 & February 2024 Red Birds, babies/toddlers born between December 2022 & September 2023 Rabbits, toddlers born between March 2022 & November 2022

Preschool Class Breakdown

Honey Bears, children born between June 2021 & February 2022 Bumble Bees, children born between September 2020 & May 2021 Leap Frogs, children born between September 2019 & August 2020

• Bumble Bees and Leap Frogs are toilet independent classes

Class Days, Hours, Extended Care

Classes for all age groups are 9:00-2:00 Classes for all age groups offer Early Birds 8:00-9:00 and/or Kids Club 2:00-4:00

Summer Preschool will enroll in March after Spring Break and is for children currently enrolled in Meadows Preschool and then for children enrolled in the 2024-2025 session of Meadows Preschool.

Meadows Preschool is a ministry of Willow Meadows Baptist Church 4300 W. Bellfort, Houston, Tx. 77035 713.255.7025

At Meadows Preschool you will find:

- Professional, nurturing teachers who truly enjoy young children and value the role of helping them to become their very best self.
- Low teacher to child ratios, to allow children to get the attention they need.
- A safe, Christian, environment.
- Creative learning experiences to engage a child's thinking.
- Opportunities to grow physically, mentally, spiritually, socially & emotionally.

Learning Experiences are age appropriate; designed to build on current skills.

Emotional Development

<u>Visual Art</u> will happen through experiencing a variety of mediums encouraging exploration through process.

<u>Music and Creative Movement</u> with scarves, instruments, parachutes, and our voices will take place daily.

<u>Language Builders</u> such as songs, puppets, stories, imaginative play, and one-to-one conversations will help children gain the words needed to express their needs and emotions in a healthy way.

Physical Development

<u>Big Body Play</u> will present opportunities to dance, pedal, toss and catch balls, engage in parachute activities, jump, run, slide, dig, carry, climb on our two playgrounds. We also have a full-size gym for use on bad weather days.

<u>Small Muscle Activities</u> will present opportunities for manipulation of scissors, pencils, crayons, markers, and paint brushes. Your child will squish play dough, use glue, write in sand, complete all types of puzzles, and engage with manipulatives to help them develop coordination, small hand muscles, and organize thinking.

Cognitive Development

Each classroom will make available age-appropriate opportunities to engage children and nurture the joy of learning. Basic core academics – science, math, language, social studies will be introduced and built on. Concepts – size, color, shape, numbers, letter sounds, nature, animals, seasons, and holidays will be taught with interactive, hands-on experiences. Trips to the big garden, special visitors, and parent readers are a few of the activities carefully planned to spark questioning, experimenting, and bigger thinking.

Spiritual Development

Chapel- Preschool Class will gather twice a week for a bible story, songs, and prayer. All classes add **prayer** before meals or snack, talk about **stories from the bible** and read age-appropriate books that talk about Christian principles.

Social Development

<u>Autonomy</u> will be developed as children are encouraged to put away lunch boxes, water thermoses, clean up after themselves, care for personal items and use the restroom and wash hands independently.

<u>Social Play</u> will be developed through interaction with their peers and teachers. The various stages of play; independent play, parallel play and then play with one or more peers will be encouraged through positive words and modeling.

<u>Social Skills</u> will be developed through opportunities for listening to one, two or three step directions, turn taking, sharing games, asking for help, sitting for circle time, using kind hands and practicing manners.

Cultural Development

Meadows Preschool welcomes families regardless of race, ethnic origin or religious choice. We celebrate our differences with opportunities to learn about each other with books, songs, and visitors.

Fees enrollment/supply fees are non-refundable & due at enrollment

Enrollment Fee: insurance, building, permits, housekeeping, administration

Supply Fee: classroom supplies

Tuition: Salaries and continuing education

To learn more about Meadows Preschool or to schedule a tour, contact:

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Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00

Friday 8:00-12:00

Meadows Preschool is a ministry of Willow Meadows Baptist Church, faithfully serving families for 61+ years.

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