

## **What can we expect in the classes?**

The 2-3 year old class at St. Paul's Christian Preschool is a 2 hour class that emphasizes preacademic and socialization practices. The children will have opportunities to use multiple art mediums, manipulatives, large motor equipment, music and reading activities and dramatic play. The class will also experience group snacks and times to enhance their verbal abilities, manners as well as their emerging sharing abilities.

The 3-4 year old classes at St Paul's Christian Preschool meet either 2 or 3 days a week for two and a half hours. They emphasize the exposure to all the things that a prekindergarten class will expect. They will work on shape and name recognition, more advanced art mediums, dramatic play, computer time, circle times that include the calendar, weather and the pledge of allegiance. Science activities and experiments will be introduced as well as language development and journaling activities. Outdoor play will enhance inside classroom learning.

The 3 day a week 4-5 old class at St. Paul's Christian Preschool has a prekindergarten structure that stretches beyond what the younger children can do. Emphasis is made on letter and shape recognition, premath skills, handwriting, verbal vocabulary enhancement, journaling, art projects, dramatic play, large motor equipment, 2 circle times for large group interaction, science, snack times and a chance to use manipulatives. Some of the classes also include a Spanish exposure for enhanced learning.

The 5 day a week class will encompass all of the above mentioned activities along with extra time for enrichment. We will have at least 2 additional field trips that will be offered on a Tuesday or Thursday. A more intentional focus on prereading, math and science skills will also be evident. Children enrolled in the 5 day a week class should demonstrate an ability to enjoy challenging tasks.

All children at St. Paul's Christian Preschool will be exposed to basic Christian values and love and the ability to pray. They will experience a God who loves them and accepts them. They will have opportunities to experience the joy of giving to others. They will have the opportunity to meet with our pastor for story time once a month. Field trips and speakers will be a part of the curriculum. They will also have the opportunity to meet with the Crystal Lake Librarian once a month as well as be exposed to optional Gymboree classes.

