



2026-27 School Year

PARENT HANDBOOK



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Welcome!

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Grace Fishers Preschool Family,

I am thrilled that you have chosen to enroll your child in the Grace Fishers Preschool. The Grace Fishers Preschool staff are looking forward to teaching, guiding, and loving your child this coming school year as they grow physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” We believe that every child is a masterpiece created by God for a purpose. It is our desire for each child to know they are known and deeply loved by God. He wants to have a relationship with them.

Grace Fishers Preschool is a biblically-based preschool. We want God to be a part of our lives as we learn, grow, and play. We want to challenge children with age-appropriate academics. We want to build creativity with play. We want to help develop social skills in a loving environment. We want to have fun learning and we want God to be a part of it all!

This may be your child’s first experience at “school”. Whether your child is over the moon about going to school or a little apprehensive, we want this year to be a positive one. We hope this year begins to build a foundation for your child in all areas of growth.

The following pages will give you all the information you need to know about Grace Fishers Preschool. If you have other questions, please let me know!

Blessings,

Mary Estrada

Director – Grace Fishers Preschool

PRESCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to serve the community by offering a safe, loving preschool for children to develop spiritually, emotionally, socially, academically, and physically, where they can discover they are masterpieces, created by God for a purpose.

VALUES & STANDARDS

Faith-Based

We believe in Jesus and want Him to be a part of everything we do. We will learn Bible stories and music that teach us about God's story.

Learning Styles

We realize that children learn in different ways. We will provide a variety of activities that address various learning styles.

Curriculum

Our teachers use a variety of curriculums for their classes. We are a play-based preschool so much of our learning will happen when children engage with our learning centers and activities.

Safety

We will do everything we can to ensure your child's safety. The hall door will be locked while school is in session. Teachers are trained to respond to emergencies.

Fun

We want your child's experience with school to be fun. Learning is fun and we desire to create a foundation in which children want to learn.

REGISTRATION INFO



Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Families currently enrolled in Grace Fishers Preschool and Grace Fishers Church families will be offered the opportunity to register early for the 2026-27 school year before open enrollment is available to the public.

A waiting list will be available for classes that are at capacity. You will be notified if there is an opening. Waitlists are only valid for the current school year

We are not able to mix session days. Classes must meet a minimum enrollment to be offered.



Registration fee of \$135/child is due with registration.

The registration fee is not refundable. The registration fee includes all supplies.

Prepayment of the May 2027 tuition payment is due August 1, 2026. If your prepayment of May 2027 tuition is not received by August 1, 2026, your child's placement in preschool will be forfeited.

September through April monthly tuition payments are due by the 1st day of each month. Insufficient funds checks will be assessed a \$15.00 fee. Refunds are not available for absences due to illness or travel.

CLASSES & TUITION INFO

2-Year-Old Classes

- Option 1: Monday & Wednesday - \$270/mo.
- Option 2: Tuesday & Thursday - \$270/mo.
 - 10 students per class
 - Must be two by September 1, 2026

3-Year-Old Classes.

- Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday - \$370/mo.
 - 14 students per class
 - Must be three by September 1, 2026

4-Year-Old Class

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday - \$430/mo.
 - 17 students per class
 - Must be four by September 1, 2026

Transitional Kindergarten Class

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday - \$450/mo.
 - 14 students per class
 - Must be five by December 31, 2026

All Classes meet from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on their scheduled days.
All classes will have two teachers.



POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Arrival and Dismissal

Doors to the hallway open at 8:55 am. Early drop-offs are not permissible. After about a month into the school year, we will have a drop-off line in the morning so you don't have to get out of your car in the morning. Do not let your child out of the car without a teacher at your car. You are always welcome to walk your child to their room as well. Do not let your child come in the building or to their classroom by themselves.

Doors to the hallway for pickup open at 12:55 pm. Late pickups are not permissible. You must pick up your child in their classroom.

Pick-up Authorization

Only authorized persons may pick up a child and need to be listed and need to be listed in your Brightwheel account. Teachers will ask for valid identification if they are not familiar with the person picking up.

Health/Medication Policy

Emergency medical consent and health forms will be kept confidentially on file for each child. It is extremely important that the records are accurate and complete including, but not limited to, medical conditions, immunizations, and all allergies. Notify the director immediately of any changes in your child's health.

Your child will not be permitted to attend class until they are 24-hour symptom free of the following:

- A runny nose with green or colored mucus
- Fever (must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication.)
- A congested cough
- Diarrhea
- An upset stomach with a fever and/or vomiting.
- Has been exposed to a contagious illness.
- If your child has symptoms of COVID, or has tested positive for covid.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES (CONT.)

Staff members are not permitted to give medication to a child. Should your child need an EpiPen or an inhaler, a completed Medical Release form will need to be filled out and kept on file with the director.

School Closings

For school closings and delays, Grace Fishers Preschool will coincide with the HSE public schools. If HSE changes an in-person learning day to an E-Learning day or calls a snow day, preschool will not meet. In the event of a 1 or 2-hour delay, we will start at 10:00 am and dismiss at 1:00 pm. We will communicate school closings/delays through Brightwheel.

Make-up Days

We will not make up any missed school days due to weather. There are no make ups for delays.

Withdrawing from Preschool

If you need to withdraw your child from preschool, please advise the director in writing. Refunds on unused tuition will only be given with a 30-day notice.

Travel

If you choose to travel during the school year, you must continue to pay tuition during your child's absence in order to keep his/her placement in preschool.

Lice

If your child has lice, he or she must stay out of school until all lice and nits have been eliminated.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease, Pink Eye or any contagious virus

Affected children must stay home until the virus is no longer contagious with the advisement of your child's pediatrician.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES (CONT.)

Discipline Policy

Our goal is to help preschoolers develop age appropriate emotional and social skills. Discipline issues are going to happen. It is part of growing up. Children test their boundaries. We expect children to respect the authority of the teachers. If a discipline problem occurs, we will handle the situation with care for your child. It is our desire to correct behavior with positive redirection or a reset. We will also correct with age-appropriate reasoning. Our desire is never to shame or embarrass a child. Learning boundaries and understanding what is right and wrong is part of a normal child's growth. Physical aggressive behavior will be addressed appropriately for the safety of all students. If a child is continually exhibits physically aggressive behavior to themselves or others, or requires consistent one-on-one supervision in the classroom, we reserve the right to have parents pick the child up early. If the behavior continues, we have the right to unenroll the child from the preschool for the safety of all preschoolers. We do not have the resources to provide one-on-one attention to a child with special learning or behavioral challenges.

We are always open to talk about behavior issues you see at home. If possible, we would like to support what you do at home with what we do at school.

Attire

Each day we will be busy! Please dress your child in play clothes that may get dirty with preschool play. Closed-toed shoes are the only appropriate shoes for preschool. We will go outside if the temperature is appropriate to do so. Be sure to dress your child appropriately for the weather.

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays! Please coordinate with your child's teacher if you would like to bring in a special treat or small treat bag for the class. Allergies must be taken into consideration. All special snacks must be store bought with an ingredient label available. Donut holes, cookies, rice krispie treats, or fruit snacks are all good options for birthdays. Large cupcakes and birthday cakes are not allowed. If your child wants to hand out birthday party invitations at school, they must be given to the entire class.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES (CONT.)

What to Bring Each Day

Lunch – Children must bring a lunch each day of school. We will put all lunches in a refrigerator after the morning begins. Please make sure the contents of your child's lunch are easy to open. We will not be able to heat food for your child. No peanut/tree nut products will be allowed.

Backpack – Every child needs to bring a backpack to school. Backpacks need to be large enough to hold a 9 x 12 folder. Please check your child's backpack after school for papers and communications.

EVERYTHING MUST BE LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME – This includes coats, lunches, backpacks, boots, etc.

What NOT to Bring Each Day

Toys from Home - The only exception is if your child needs something (stuffed toy or blanket) for security. It would be our goal to help your child feel safe at school so that he/she will not need a security item.

Your child can bring a toy or favorite item when we have show and tell. Show and Tell days will be communicated to you by your child's teacher. However, we do not allow toy guns or any kind of toy weapon at school.

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