

Covenant Child Development Center
A ministry of Covenant Presbyterian Church

Dear Prospective Parent,

The Mission for our school is to serve God by offering a Christ centered preschool education to the children of those who worship at Covenant Presbyterian Church and the children of our community. The CDC seeks to glorify God and reveal Him to the students and their parents through Biblical teaching and godly example. Learning experiences will be appropriate to the developmental stages of two, three and four year old children and will foster a biblical view of self and others.

Our curriculum is themed. The themes for each month are developed around the Biblical days of creation. We educate children about how God created the world in 6 days and rested on the 7th, about God's character, His loving care towards all He has made, and His design for the family. In addition to the days of creation we do a letter of the week. Each unit of study provides opportunities to interact with the content through art, music, and literature. We also incorporate math, science, social studies and much more into our daily routines. Children will also be given opportunities to practice social skills, proper behavior and self-control.

Our discipline is based on the belief that practicing proper behavior and learning self-control is a normal and necessary phase of a child's development. An important lesson for a young child to learn is that they are an individual under authority and that their choices have natural and logical consequences. We also believe that behavior-the things a child does and says- reflects their heart. In age appropriate ways we want to address the child's heart and conscience. We want the child to also know that while there are limits that are good for them and the community, there is also grace. Grace will be shown whenever possible and we will point them to Christ at every opportunity. We will make sure that the children understand the instructions or limits. We will praise and use positive reinforcement for correct behavior and good choices. Likewise, we will endeavor to redirect a child from inappropriate behaviors to actively engaging them in other more appropriate behaviors. Other methods of discipline that we believe are biblical and age appropriate are reproof, denial, and removal from fellowship of the group. The goal of our discipline is to lovingly move a child from correction, to restoration within the group. In addition, in accordance with Florida State Law:

1. Children shall not be subject to discipline that is severe, humiliating, or frightening.
2. Discipline shall not be associated with food, rest or toileting.
3. Spanking or any other form of physical punishment is prohibited.

Thank you for your interest in our school and we hope to see you soon!

Katie Boll

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