

Oak Hills Christian Preschool



Jesus said, “Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Matthew 19:14

The Oak Hills Christian Preschool is a ministry of the Oak Hills Christian Reformed Church.
Classes are held in the Preschool Building and Pre-K rooms of the church.

Our goal is to guide each child in his/her development as God's image-bearer, while encouraging love for God and others. The program provides experiences which develop the child's creativity, social abilities, and academic readiness.

Our purpose statement is: Know God's Love; Love Self; Love Others; Love School



The staff consists of:

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Entrance Requirements:

Pre-K 5's is for students who turn 5 by January 1 or are recommended by a preschool teacher for the class. To enter our Pre-K 4's class a child must be 4 by September 1, and for the 3-4's class he/she must be 3 by September 1. Children need to be fully toilet trained to attend preschool unless a medical reason exists.

Sessions and Hours:

Pre-K 5's – Monday through Thursday	8:30 - 11:30 am
Pre-K 4's - Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:30 - 11:30 am
3's/4's - Tuesday and Thursday	8:30 – 11:00 am

Optional After School Programs:

Introductory Spanish – Monday 11:30 – 1:00 pm (**Pre-K 4's and 5's only – October-April**)
Stay & Play – Wednesday 11:30 – 1:00 pm (**Pre-K 4's and 5's only – October-April**)

Arrival and Dismissal:

Transportation is arranged by the parents. Adults authorized on registration forms will be able to drop-off and pick-up on a regular basis. If someone other than these adults will be transporting your child, please let us know. Drop-off and pick-up will happen outside the classrooms, only students and staff will be allowed inside. Each class will have a separate area where an authorized adult will drop-off or pick-up. Hand sanitizer will be provided before entry.

School Calendar:

We follow the Beaverton School District's schedule for all **holidays and school closures**.

NOTE: There may be a couple exceptions.

Inclement Weather:

We will be closed when the Beaverton schools are cancelled or have a 2-hour delay. Closures are announced between 6:00 and 7:30 a.m. on many local TV stations. They are also posted on the Beaverton School District website: <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/>

Tuition:

Tuition for '24-'25 school year will be Pre-K 5's is \$340 per month, Pre-K 4's is \$270 per month and 3-4's is \$200 per month. Tuition is due the first of each month and can be mailed to the church address or given to a teacher. We ask that you pay **first and last month's tuition with your September payment**. This **will apply to May tuition** or the last month your child attends, provided that at least two weeks' notice is given.

*** Please make checks payable to: Oak Hills Christian Preschool**

A \$10.00 late fee will be charged after the 10th of the month unless prior arrangements have been made with us. We do not give refunds for absences, days off, or holidays.

Registration:

Registration for the following school year will be finalized in January. Priority registration will be given to Oak Hills Church families, Oak Hills Christian Preschool alumni and then selection will be made as we receive completed registration forms with payment. Inquiries and completed registration forms are welcome at any time. There is a \$175 non-refundable registration fee once we know there is a spot for your student.

Social – Emotional Development:



Research and experience tell us that to be effective with young children, teaching practices need to be developmentally appropriate. What this means is that we as teachers need to think first about what young children are like, and then create an environment and provide experiences that are in tune with each child's characteristics.

Children learn through interactive experiences, play and exploration. We strive to offer an environment where they can test their abilities, discover new possibilities, solve problems, share ideas, manipulate items, make decisions, be creative and take risks.

Children thrive when they have opportunities every day to make choices in their learning. We facilitate children's choices within a carefully planned environment to allow each child to choose activities and peers with whom they will work and play. Our children will grow in awareness of the responsibilities of being group members who share, take turns and are kind, helpful and respectful of others. Preschoolers develop social competence in three main areas: initiating interactions, maintaining ongoing relationships, and solving conflicts with other children.



Physical Development:



Running, climbing, throwing, balancing, swinging, ball kicking, shouting, all happen when we go outside. We provide large motor indoor exercise and active games when we do not go outdoors due to weather.

Fine motor skills develop as our children are provided with many opportunities to refine larger motor skills. Play-dough, Duplos, blocks, puzzles, cutting, drawing, or scribbling on large paper provide fun, natural opportunities for fine motor development without frustration or boredom. Activities requiring finer skills such as drawing with crayons, markers and pencils or cutting out pictures and shapes are enjoyed as proficiency increases.

Intellectual Development:



Our preschoolers are curious, active learners who have individual needs, individual learning styles, and individual patterns of development. Many skills including listening, speaking, writing, number/letter concepts and reading develop naturally each day through play, observation, discovery, experimentation, and teacher modeling.

Our children are introduced to basic Bible stories, prayer, verses, drama, and songs. Christmas and Easter are celebrated with a Christian emphasis.



Math and science concepts are part of the children's play experiences with hands-on activities, stations, observations, books, conversation, teacher modeling and guidance. We encourage awareness of God's creation and keen observation of our earth and space.



Children learn a variety of skills from musical experiences. Shaking, tapping, and beating instruments enhance creativity and fine motor development. Listening for a beat, tones, and lyrics develop auditory discrimination. Children experience the emotional effects of music by listening to and creating music that is soothing, exciting, or funny.

As our children draw, paint, cut, sculpt, glue and build, they think creatively, make decisions, and solve problems. Language is developed as the children talk about color, shape, size, and as they describe their work to friends and others.



Parent/Teacher Communication:

We want to stay in close contact with you. Feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time via email or text. Unless it is an emergency, the best time to reach us by phone is before or after class hours. Talking to us when we are with children does not allow us to give you our full attention.

Health and Wellness:

The best place for a sick child is at home. If your child is showing signs of illness, please keep them at home. **Symptoms include fever, cough, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, earache or headache, sore throat, runny nose, rash, sneezing, body aches, fatigue, and loss of taste or smell.** If a student becomes ill at school, they will be immediately isolated and supervised until pickup is arranged. We would appreciate a call to the school or quick text before school to let us know your child will be absent.



Snack:

We ask that each child bring his/her own nutritious snack and small water bottle to school each day. Small portions of fruit, veggies, crackers, or cereal are sufficient. Please pack your child's snack in a small baggie or container marked with your child's name.

Please NO nuts, nut butter, or juice (water only).

Appropriate School Clothing:

Please dress your child for the weather. We will go outside whenever possible so please have your child bring a sweater, coat and/or outdoor clothing. Play clothes are recommended for everyday wear because, in addition to outdoor play, we will have potentially messy activities. We encourage you to send your child in comfortable, rubber-soled shoes for safety on the play equipment.

- ◆ We ask each child to bring a change of clothing (in case of an accident, mess, or spill) in a gallon size Ziploc bag **marked clearly with the child's name**.

Birthdays:

A birthday is a very special occasion for a young child. If your child's birthday falls on or near a school day, he/she can be recognized as the "birthday child". Children with summer birthdays can celebrate their half birthday and will receive the same recognition. Children will pick a book from the classroom to read during snack time and will receive a birthday crown. We will sing to them and give them celebratory birthday claps.



Pre-K 4's & Pre-K 5's OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

SPANISH: An introductory Spanish class is offered each **Monday from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm** (October – April). The cost is \$25 per session and must be **paid to Aksel Academics**.

STAY & PLAY: We offer an extended school day of *unstructured play time* called Stay & Play. The program is from **11:30-1:00 pm each Wednesday** (October – April) at a cost of \$20 per session and is paid to Oak Hills Christian Preschool.

NOTE: All optional activities meet in the preschool building. **Each child is responsible for bringing his/her own lunch. Please check that nothing contains nuts or nut butter.** Fees can be paid on a “drop-in” basis or preferably at the beginning of each month. Fees for Stay & Play can be included with tuition and are payable to Oak Hills Christian Preschool. Again, Spanish class fees should be paid to Aksel Academics.