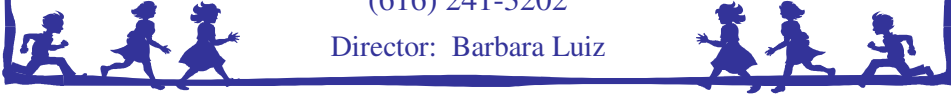


GRACE CHURCH PRESCHOOL

1815 Hall SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506

(616) 241-3202

Director: Barbara Luiz



Grace Church Preschool was founded in 1950. It continues today as the oldest preschool in Grand Rapids. The preschool is licensed by the State of Michigan and operates as a non-profit, non-sectarian ministry of Grace Episcopal Church, serving the parish and the community. An Advisory Board is comprised of the Rector, Parish Members, the Preschool Director and a Parent Representative from each class.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that each child is a unique individual and we recognize that the early years are the most important years for learning, loving and gaining trust. We believe that by providing a warm, welcoming and caring Christian atmosphere and a committed staff that is passionate about providing a positive learning environment, we will be encouraging each child's initiative, independence, responsibility and self-discipline.

We believe that play is the most important activity in the lives of children. That play, is the work, the occupation of childhood. Through a variety of developmentally appropriate learning experiences, activities and multicultural materials children will develop cognitively (intellectually), creatively, physically, socially, and emotionally.

We believe that a mixed-age grouping of children in pre-school encourages a child's cognitive problem-solving skills as well as the development of positive social behaviors. Children are afforded opportunities to practice and learn from cooperative play with peers. Mixed-age grouping welcomes siblings enrollment and supports a home-like nurturing environment.


OUR CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is built on themes and children's interest. Our classroom is set up with learning centers and interest areas where children can touch, feel, experiment and create. Children work in small and large groups making choices, problem solving, learning to cooperate, expanding and refining language, taking responsibility, developing social skills and building confidence. We incorporate the major Christian Holidays such as Christmas and Easter, we visit the chapel in the fall to pray with the Rector for an blessed year, and we say "Grace" before we eat our snack each day.

OUR SCHEDULES AND ROUTINES

2007 - 2008

We offer two morning sessions and one afternoon session. All sessions are multi-age, open to children three, four and five. Children must be three by Dec. 1, 2007 and self-sufficient in their toileting. *Any exceptions must be approved by the director.* Classes begin September 10th & 11th, 2007.



Tuesdays & Thursdays
* 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. *
\$105/month - \$945/year

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
* 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. *
\$150/month - \$1350/year

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
* 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. *
\$150/month - \$1350/year

Monday through Friday
* 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. *
\$255/month - \$2295/year
(Combines MWF & TTH Morning Classes)

Extended Day
* 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. *
\$310/month - \$2,790/year
(Combines MWF Morning & Afternoon Classes)
(Children bring a bag lunch)

Registration for the 2007-2008 school year begins January 15th, 2007 for Church members and families already enrolled. Alumni families may begin registering January 19th and registration is open to the community on January 22nd at 6 pm. A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is required at the time of registration and the first month's tuition. (\$100 non-refundable registration fee is required for the 5-day or extended day program) Please call if you have any questions or if you would like to stop in for a visit. An enrollment form is enclosed or can be obtained by calling **241-3202** (preschool) or **241-4631** (church office).