

Epiphany Lutheran Preschool FAQ's

Q. What are your student/teacher ratios?

A. Our Tiny Toddler program ratio is 8 students to 2 teachers.
Our Terrific 3's program ratio is 8 students to 1 teacher.
Our Fantastic 4's and Pre-K program ratios are 10 students to 1 teacher.

Q. Are you a Christian preschool?

A. Yes, we are. We incorporate it into our program in various ways. Teachers have a Jesus Time section on each of their lesson plans so that there is at least one time during the day that children learn of God's love. We pray before meals or when a friend from school is out sick. We also have chapel once a month in the sanctuary with one of our fantastic pastors.

Q. What type of qualifications do you require of your teachers?

A. Our teachers must have a college degree. Some do have degrees in a child related field such as Early Childhood or Elementary Education. Some teachers also have a master degree. For our teachers that do not have a degree in education, they must complete 45 credit hours over a 3 year period in child development and education workshops, in-services and classes to teach at ELP. All of our teachers are mothers and many have had their children attend ELP in the past.

Q. Do you serve a snack?

A. Yes we do. We serve a small snack mid morning to tide them over until they go home for lunch. If you child has food related allergies, we will cooperate with any special dietary needs the child has.

Q. What is a typical day like at ELP?

A. To best answer this question, we recommend you contact the preschool office to tour the school. You can then see the class in action and what a typical morning may be like. You can also meet our teachers and see the layout of our classrooms, gym and playground.

Q. What extra programs do you offer?

A. We offer Spanish once a week for 15–20 minutes. We offer Bodies in Motion gym classes twice a month in our gym. We have visitors come throughout year. We also offer Lunch Bunch sessions throughout the year. Lunch Bunch is on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11:30am–1pm. Children can pack a lunch and stay at school to enjoy more social time with their friends. Lunch Bunch sessions are announced during the school year and are typically in 6 or 8 week blocks. The cost varies from \$30–40 per session.

Q. Do you offer field trips?

A. Yes we do. However, we do not provide transportation so your preschool child and a grown up meet us at the destination and are responsible for them during the field trip. We have 2

Q. What safety features do you have? What safety procedures do you follow?

A. We do monthly tornado and fire drills. We also do state required lockdown drills twice a year. We have video cameras throughout the preschool that are seen on the office main computer and on a tv screen in the office. Persons other than the normal pick up and drop off person must show identification to pick up a child.

Q. What are ways that parents can be involved at ELP?

A. There are numerous ways parents can become involved in our program. Team hELP is our parent/teacher group that supports our program through fundraising, teacher appreciation and school and family events. Team hELP meets the 2nd Monday of every month.

Parents call also participate as a room parent, playground parent, screening helpers and spring playground spruce up.

Q. What are your school closing policies?

A. We follow Centerville City Schools, except we start school the Monday after Labor Day and end the Friday before Memorial Day.

If Centerville closes for inclement weather, ELP closes as well. If Centerville is on a 1 or 2 hour delay, ELP also closes. If Centerville remains open and ELP closes, you will receive a phone call or email from staff.

Q. What are your registration procedures?

A. To secure a spot, you must put down the registration fee and fill out a registration card. Registration is open to the public starting in February for school beginning in September. In-house families begin registration the last week of January for school beginning in September.

Q. Do children need to be potty trained to attend ELP?

A. Children enrolled in our Tiny Toddler program do not need to be potty trained as we work on this with them as a developmental goal. Children enrolled in our Terrific 3's and Fantastic 4's programs should be potty trained by the start of the school year.