

# Early Childhood Education

First Lutheran ECE is the first stop on your child's educational and spiritual journey. Our goal is to develop each child's mind, body, and spirit in a loving Christian environment. We educate the whole child in a unique and enriched curriculum that helps cultivate confident, lifelong learners.

## What we provide

- A unique combination of curriculum resources using Tennessee Department of Education guidelines, Core Knowledge Foundation, the Letter People and CPH-based materials, resulting in a quality education with an enriched yet developmentally appropriate learning curriculum.
- A caring, well-trained, and dedicated staff that maintains professional affiliations, First Aid and CPR, and attends Early Childhood Development conferences and workshops. Many of our staff members are in or have returned to local area colleges progressing even further in their education and certifications. Most importantly, the outlook of the staff is that the children are not only their job, but their pleasure! Our staff sees each child purposefully put in their care a blessing from God.
- Christian love is shown to all children and their families to ensure they continue to grow in the knowledge of Jesus.

## Curriculum

- Letter recognition and Phonetics
- Early Literature and Pre-Reading
- Library Visits
- Accelerated Reader (Comprehension Based)
- Numbers and Early Mathematics
- Shapes
- Colors
- Spanish (Beginner)
- Sign Language (Beginner)
- Health and Safety
- Nutrition (Beginner)
- Pastor Talks
- Manners and Kindness
- Computers
- Social Studies
- Beginner Bios
- Science
- Classical Art and Music Appreciation
- Cherub Hand Bell choir
- Music and Movement
- Gym
- Body in Balance (Beginner Yoga)

**ECE 3-year program:** 3 years old by September 30 of year entering. **ECE 4-year program:** 4 years old by September 30 of year entering.

**Kindergarten program:** For children ages 4 and 5 who are transitioning between preschool and kindergarten or have missed the kindergarten cutoff date.

## Small class sizes

We recognize the benefits of small class size on your child's academic and social growth. In the ECE 3-year program, class size never exceeds 11 without an assistant added. In the ECE 4-year program, class size never exceeds 20 (assistant added at 13).

## Licensing

First Lutheran ECE follows guidelines and is licensed with the Tennessee Department of Education, and is accredited by the SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) and NLSA (National Lutheran Schools Association).

## Before school child care

Busy parents can take advantage of care before regular school hours from 6:30-8 a.m.

## Second Session after-school program

3:30-6 p.m. Second Session is bit more relaxed, but still reinforces what was learned during the school day. We begin with a short free play recess that progresses to games and teacher-supervised group play. Teachers rotate small groups in centers such as small motor manipulatives, housekeeping and dramatic play, blocks and vehicles, free choice art creations, puzzles and much more. The program is available to ECE students daily except during ECE teacher conferences and holidays which will be posted and on yearly and monthly calendars.

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