# 360Preschool General Program Information

## Q: What ages do you accept?

We welcome children ages 3–5 who are ready to learn, grow, and explore in a safe, loving environment.

# Q: What are your class sizes and teacher-to-student ratios?

We keep our classes small so each child receives plenty of individual attention. We follow Washington's WAC guidelines, maintaining a teacher-to-student ratio of 1:10 or lower

# Q: What is your daily schedule like?

At 360Preschool, every day is designed to help children grow in mind, heart, and spirit. We blend early academics, music, art, and play—all with biblical integration. We also will enjoy fresh air, healthy snacks, and peaceful moments.

# Q: Do you offer both morning and afternoon sessions?

Yes! Families can choose a morning session (9–12) or an afternoon session (1–4). For families needing before and/or after-school care, we encourage you to connect with our daycare program, **360KidCare**, for extended care options.

# Q: Is your program year-round or school-year only?

We follow a traditional school-year calendar with breaks during Christmas, Spring, and Summer.

# **Educational Approach**

### Q: How do you balance academics and faith in the classroom?

At 360Preschool, we believe academics and faith work best together. Through biblical integration, we blend learning with God's love so faith becomes a natural part of every moment. Our lessons weave biblical truth into reading, math, science, art, and life skills—helping children grow in both knowledge and spirit.

In the classroom, this might look like:

 Math – Counting animals on Noah's Ark or sorting fish shapes while learning about Jesus calling fishermen.

- Social Skills Practicing sharing and turn-taking while connecting it to "Love your neighbor as yourself."
- **Literacy** Learning the letter "J" through the story of Jonah, then creating a craft of the big fish.
- Art & Creativity Painting rainbows while discussing God's promise to Noah.

# Q: Do you include play-based learning?

Absolutely! Research shows that play is one of the most powerful ways young children learn—building academic skills, social-emotional growth, creativity, and problem-solving. At 360Preschool, we use intentional, guided play to connect activities to specific learning goals, so children grow in both knowledge and confidence.

Our program offers a variety of opportunities for active, hands-on learning. We've built an incredible interactive indoor play space, incorporate games and movement into our classroom routines, and provide plenty of time for outdoor exploration. Whether indoors or out, children are learning through play, building friendships, and discovering the joy of learning.

## Q: How do you support social and emotional (SEL) development?

Research shows that social-emotional skills are learned best when they're embedded throughout the day, not just taught in lessons. At 360Preschool, we weave SEL into every moment—through stories, role-play, cooperative games, and daily routines. Children learn to recognize feelings, practice kindness, solve problems, and build healthy friendships as teachers model empathy, guide emotional regulation, and encourage caring for others.

# **Enrollment & Tuition**

### Q: How do I enroll my child?

Simply fill out our enrollment form and return it with the registration fee to secure your child's spot..

#### Q: What are your tuition rates and payment options?

We offer simple monthly tuition with convenient payment options. Please contact us for current rates.

# **Policies & Requirements**

# Q: Does my child need to be potty trained?

Yes—all children should be fully potty trained before starting. This helps them feel confident and

independent, keeps the class running smoothly, and ensures a safe, healthy environment for everyone. Our classrooms are equipped with easy-to-access Jack-and-Jill bathrooms, so children can use the restroom independently and comfortably.

## Q: What is your sick policy?

We know it's hard to keep a little one home, but keeping our preschool community healthy helps everyone. If your child is sick or contagious, please let them rest at home so they can recover fully—and so their friends and teachers can stay healthy too. We ask that children stay home if they have a fever of 100.4°F (oral) or 99.4°F (underarm), have vomited or had diarrhea in the last 24 hours, have a persistent cough or trouble breathing, an unexplained rash, pink eye with discharge, head lice or nits, or any illness that needs more care than our staff can safely provide. A day or two of rest at home means we can all get back to learning, playing, and growing together sooner.

### Q: What happens if the school is closed for weather or emergencies?

We follow the Lakewood School District's closure decisions for weather-related events. If we need to close for weather, power outages, or other emergencies, we'll notify families as soon as possible by text, email, or phone.

# Q: What holidays are you closed?

We follow all federally recognized holidays as well as Good Friday. We also enjoy scheduled winter and spring breaks to give families and staff time to rest and recharge. Throughout the year, we'll have a few in-service days so our teachers can participate in training, professional development, and curriculum planning—ensuring we continue to offer the very best for your child.

### Q: How do you handle food allergies and dietary restrictions?

We work closely with parents to accommodate allergies and restrictions, and we maintain strict safety practices.

# **Health & Safety**

### Q: What are your safety and security procedures

We want you to feel confident that your child is safe and cared for every moment they're with us. Our facility has secure entry, and all visitors check in before entering. Our staff are trained in emergency procedures, and we use cameras inside and outside the building to help ensure overall safety and to review specific incidents if needed. In accordance with Washington State Code (WAC), all video footage is kept strictly confidential, accessible only to authorized personnel, and is never used for regular observation or broadcasting. Your child's well-being—physically, emotionally, and spiritually—is always our highest priority.

#### Q: Are staff trained in CPR and first aid?

Yes—all staff are CPR and first aid certified, meeting Washington State licensing requirements to ensure your child's safety.

## Q: How do you handle emergencies?

Your child's safety is always our top priority. In accordance with Washington State licensing requirements (WAC), we have a thorough disaster preparedness plan in place and hold regularly scheduled drills throughout the year. Our staff are trained to respond calmly and confidently, so if an emergency ever arises, we're ready to keep your child safe and cared for every step of the way.

## Q: Do you hold parent-teacher conferences?

Yes—we hold conferences twice a year and are happy to meet anytime you'd like. These conversations are a chance to celebrate your child's progress, share insights from the classroom, and partner with you to support their learning and growth both at school and at home.

# Q: Can parents volunteer in the classroom?

Absolutely! We love having families be part of our preschool life. Your time, talents, and presence not only enrich your child's experience but also help create a warm, connected community. Whether it's joining us for field trips, lending a hand in the classroom, helping with special projects and celebrations, or sharing your unique skills, your involvement makes a difference. For everyone's safety, we ask all volunteers to complete a short application and background check before getting started.

### Q: Why do we exist?

We know parents want a preschool where their child can grow in both learning and faith—without feeling caught between extremes.

At 360Preschool, we've created a warm, welcoming space where academics and biblical values naturally blend. Children enjoy reading, math, and hands-on learning alongside lessons in kindness, empathy, and God's love.

It's a safe and joyful place where your child can flourish in mind, heart, and spirit.