

Cheerful Cherubs Handbook



2009 - 2010

Program Goals:

1. To provide a nurturing, flexible and calm atmosphere where self-concept is enhanced, independence is encouraged and expectations are made clear.
2. To provide an atmosphere where the foundation of respect for others is established, along with respect for the equipment and materials.
 - a. To foster security with adults who are not members of the family.
 - b. To encourage neatness in putting things away when the children are done using them.
3. To develop an active curiosity about the world in which each child lives and encourage an enthusiasm for learning which stimulates exploratory behavior and creativity.
4. To develop spiritual growth.
 - a. Daily Devotions
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Chapel once a month
 - d. Promoting Christ like attitude and values in learning and playtimes.
5. To promote emotional growth.
 - a. To build self-confidence and a sense of self-worth by allowing choices within limits and to build on successful experiences.
 - b. To provide a warm accepting environment for each child to work and play in.
 - c. To encourage curiosity and a sense of wonder with an emphasis on self-motivation.
 - d. To help develop self-discipline in each child.
 - e. To provide appropriate alternatives to angry and aggressive behavior and strengthen inner emotional controls.
6. To promote social growth.
 - a. To promote and instill a sense of caring and sensitivity toward others.
 - b. To develop recognition of group needs verses individual differences.
 - c. To aid in the development of problem solving skills.
 - d. To help each child learn how to participate in a group.
7. To promote intellectual growth.
 - a. To provide an atmosphere where children discover and explore; teaching independence through learning how and where to find solutions.
 - b. To provide a wide variety of activities within a routine where cooperative play is encouraged. Curriculum areas of art, movement, practical life, dramatic play, language and fine motor activities provide each child with opportunities to trust their own feelings about what is learned, heard, seen and done and begin sharing these experiences with others.
8. To promote physical/motor development.
 - a. To have each child use their body in a variety of active ways by participation in fine and large motor activities both indoors and outdoors.
 - b. To promote physical growth and competence at each child's developmental level.
9. To develop staff potential through proper supervision by making expectations clear, following through to see that expectations are met, and utilizing staff input and abilities.
10. To be supportive of parents and families, encouraging involvement, to encourage open and honest communications while using tact and discretion.

Outdoor Play: The children are expected to play outdoors daily, weather permitting. Our feeling is that if your child is well enough to be in the program, she/he is well enough to play outdoors. The fresh air and the movement is something that each child needs daily for general well being and healthy development. We will not take the children outdoors in inclement weather, based on the judgement of the director. We ask for appropriate clothing to be worn to school each day. **Please label all outer garments with child's name.**

Field Trips: First hand experiences are a very important part of the program. A permission form will be sent home each time a trip is planned. **No child will be taken on a field trip without written permission from a parent or guardian.** We take the large bus therefore we do not need a child safety seat.

Show and Tell: Children may bring a special item to school on show and tell days, check your monthly calendar for the correct day. Please help limit:

1. one item only
2. guns or war related items are not suitable
3. items arrive and leave the school in a box or bag.

Teachers arrange time during the day for supervised show and tell play and group talking/listening.

Children may choose to allow, or not allow, others to touch their property. The items are to be taken home the same day.

Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home on days other than show and tell. This becomes a problem in the classroom.

Children's Belongings: Each child is asked to bring a complete set of clothing, including socks, to school in a large ziplock bag labeled with child's name. Please have each piece clearly marked with the child's name. These clothes will be used if there is a toileting mishap or other wet play experience that requires a change. Children should wear clothing to school that is comfortable and appropriate for floor activities and messy experiences.

Birthdays: Birthdays are a special event at Cheerful Cherubs. We try to make it a special day for the child. If you would like to furnish special refreshments to celebrate your child's birthday please let the teacher know in order for her to plan accordingly. If you are sending invitations for a party we ask you to include all the children in the class.

Health: Each child is required to have a current immunization certificate (Form3227) on file in the school office. On the form Religious Exemption may be checked only if a valid affidavit of religious conflict has been received from a parent. Any special health problems or allergies should be noted and shared with the child's teacher and the Director. ***If your child shows any signs of illness, such as a fever, throwing up, a skin rash with a fever, a sore throat, etc. please do not bring him/her to school. This is for the protection of the other children. A child must be free of fever for 24 hours before returning to school. If a child has gone to the doctor and is put on an antibiotic, they cannot return to school for 24 hours after their first dose of medicine.***

Please notify the office if your child is diagnosed as having a communicable disease. Children may return after being released by a physician. A child may return following the chicken pox when all scabs have dried and begun to fall off.

Fees and Tuition:

Registration forms are available at the school office at anytime or on our Website. Registration fees are due at the time of registration and are non-refundable. Tuition is due on the first of each month. Checks should be made payable to Cheerful Cherubs.

There will be a \$5.00 late fee if tuition is not paid by the 10th day of the month, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Director. There will be a \$10.00 charge for all returned checks. Failure to pay tuition for two months without making some type of financial agreement with the Director will result in a child's dismissal from school. We operate on a straight 10-month basis and tuition is paid accordingly. **There is no deduction for absences or holidays.**

	<u>Registration Fee</u>	<u>Monthly Tuition</u>	<u>Days Attending</u>
2-year-old	\$50.00	\$100.00	Tues., Wed., Thurs. (3 Days)
	\$50.00	\$120.00	Mon. – Fri. (5 days)
	\$60.00 activity fee		
3-year-old	\$70.00	\$100.00	Tues., Wed., Thurs. (3 Days)
	\$70.00	\$120.00	Mon. – Fri. (5 days)
	\$100.00 activity fee		
4-year-olds	\$80.00	\$120.00	Mon. – Fri. (5 days)
	\$120.00 activity fee		



*For the gift of children, We come to give You praise
We bring them here before You, As they begin their days.
Each one is loved and precious, Yet they are not our own;
We give them back in faith, Lord; and trust Your grace alone.*

*We promise to be faithful, and teach them all Your ways.
Help us to live before them lives they can only praise.
Tho' they will not remember what we have done this day,
Each day we'll shape their future, By all we do and say.*

*Now as we grow together, Help us to honor You.
As we affirm each other thro' all we say and do.
Then when our children leave us, We'll trust Your Word and pray,
That what You teach they'll follow, and never turn away.*

Amen