

**Mt. Olivet Preschool
315 High Street
Seaford, Delaware 19973**

Mission Statement

We will provide an affordable alternative to traditional preschool with a program that offers academic subjects combined with Christian values. Parents and teachers will work together to reinforce the learning process.

Program Goals

To teach the Love of God as expressed in Christian concepts of kindness, caring, stewardship, and obedience.

Use a team approach that takes advantage of diverse skills offered by the team members.

Use songs and games to make learning a fun experience.

2 -Year Old Emphasis

The main focus of our two-year –old class is exposing a child to other children of the same age in a group setting. Emphasis is placed on being a good friend, taking turns, and sharing. Various age appropriate learning activities are presented and the children complete simple seasonal craft items.

Curriculum: (3 & 4 year old classes)

- a) Colors – black, blue, brown, gray, green, orange, pink, purple, red, yellow, white
- b) Shapes – circle, heart, oval, rectangle, semi-circle, square, star, triangle
- c) Art – fun, appreciation, and a variety of materials
- d) Music – songs for fun and songs for learning
- e) Letters – capital and lower case
- f) Left to right progression – in preparation for reading
- g) Open Court Preschool Reading Program (4-year-olds)
- h) Numbers
 - Rote counting – 1 to 10 (3-year-olds); 1 to 20 (4-year-olds)
 - Number recognition
 - Ability to recognize quantities – 1 thru 5 (3-year-olds); 1 thru 10 (4-year-olds)
- i) Basic arithmetic relationships
- j) Science and nature (presented as part of God's world)
- k) Personal health
- l) Personal safety
- m) Manners
- n) Physical Education – coordination skills

It is recognized that children will start at different skill levels and progress at different rates. Small class size will allow special help within the classroom where appropriate and take-home materials will be provided for parent coaching, if requested. Since the Board recognized that parents are of primary importance in children's development, parents are always welcome to visit and monitor the program without prior approval. Each child's family and culture will be treated with respect and nondiscrimination.

Enrollment

Children are placed in classes according to their age on August 31st of the current year. A child who is 2 by August 31st of the current year will be placed in the 2-year-old class, a child who is 3 in the 3-year-old class, and so on. This placement corresponds to Delaware State law, which required children to be 5 years of age by August 31st, the year they enroll for kindergarten.

The Preschool requires a copy of each child's immunization records and a current Health Appraisal conducted by a licensed physician or nurse practitioner. These records are needed prior to the first day of school.

An August mailing will be sent with information regarding the beginning of school and additional forms that are to be returned prior to the first day of school.

School Calendar

A school calendar will be issued at the beginning of each school year. The Preschool starts around Labor Day and ends by the third Wednesday in May. Vacation days are influenced by the Seaford School District.

Snacks

Meals are not provided during the school period but the staff will ask parents to take turns sending in healthy snack items during the year. Easy to eat snacks (crackers, goldfish, animal crackers, pretzels) or fruits and vegetables (oranges, bananas, apples, carrots) are good. The objective is to provide children with a little something while not spoiling lunch.

Any identified food allergy or other special situations will be shared with the parents of the affected class to protect the health of the students.

Toilet Training

Two-year-old children are not required to be toilet trained.

Three and four year olds must be toilet-trained by the first day of school. Be sure your child can take their clothes off and on easily during bathroom usage.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition is due monthly for the following month, i.e. September tuition is due August 1st. Make checks payable to **Mt. Olivet Preschool**, mail them to the church or bring payments to the Preschool. Please write your child's name on the memo space of the check. A \$15.00 late charge will be applied if payments are not received within the first 7 days of the month, and the child will be dropped from school if not paid by month's end. Speak to the Preschool Administrator for special consideration. There is a \$25.00 fee for each returned check. Families with more than one child in the Preschool program will receive a 10% discount on the total tuition charge. Tuition assistance is available on a limited basis.