

Church of the Redeemer Christian School

Goals for the Preschool Child

Spiritual Development

At the completion of the preschool years, the child should:

1. Demonstrate understanding that God is a loving, heavenly Father.
2. Demonstrate understanding that Jesus loves him and wants to be his Savior and friend.
3. Understand that the Bible is true and tells about God.
4. Understand that prayer is a conversation with God.
5. Begin to develop an appreciation and thankfulness for the blessings and gifts that God gives him.

Language Development

At the completion of the preschool years, the child should:

1. Be able to speak in complete sentences and to communicate ideas orally.
2. Be able to learn new patterns of syntax and simple grammar.
3. Develop the self-discipline necessary to attend orally and visually to stories, poems, records, etc.
4. Demonstrate an ability to follow oral directions.
5. Be able to put in proper sequence events from experiences and stories.
6. Be able to classify various objects and verbalize the criteria for this classification.
7. Demonstrate an ability to recall information which has been previously heard.

Perceptual Development

The child should have practice in:

1. Visual
 - a. Discriminating likeness and difference in things seen.
 - b. Remembering what things look like.
 - c. Reproducing what is seen.
 - d. Attending to what is seen.
2. Auditory
 - a. Discriminating likeness and difference in sounds.
 - b. Remembering what is heard.
 - c. Attending to what is heard.
 - d. Repeating what is heard.
3. Tactile
 - a. Discriminating likeness and differences through touch.
 - b. Describing what things feel or felt like.
4. Smell and Taste
 - a. Discriminating between different smells and tastes.
 - b. Experiencing new tastes and smells.
 - c. Describing and comparing through taste and smell.
 - d. Discovering new foods through classroom experience.

Motor Development

At the end of the preschool years, the child should:

1. Be able to pickup and arrange small objects.
2. Be able to hold a large pencil or crayon properly.
3. Demonstrate ability in cutting.
4. Be able to paste.
5. Be able to copy simple shapes.
6. Demonstrate ability in painting.
7. Be able to move the body in a given space, such as forward backward, in, under, through, etc.
8. Have the ability to sit and attend.
9. Use large muscles to climb, run, jump, kick, pull, and push.
10. Demonstrate an ability to balance.

Social/ Emotional Development

At the completion of the preschool years, the child should:

1. Realize his individual importance as a special child of God.
2. Develop security in and trust in persons outside of the family.
3. Learn to interact appropriately with peers.
4. Submit to authority within the classroom.