



Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year

Winfree Memorial Preschool is a Nationally Accredited School through the National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs. Winfree Memorial Preschool has been providing care and education to the community here in Midlothian, Virginia for over fifty years.

Our Mission Statement

In the Winfree Baptist Church Covenant, we acknowledge our membership in God's church and in this fellowship. We state our intention to live lives committed to Christ. Through the particular ministry of the Weekday Preschool, we extend the nurturing ministry of Christ and this Church to children and their families in the community.

We believe that each child is a child of God and should have every opportunity to develop spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally and socially in a Christian environment which exhibits love and concern.

Our Purpose:

- To support children through the best in early childhood education so that they may develop to their highest potential in physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual growth
- To support the family and to help parents in the crucial years of child rearing and to provide an outreach and witness to the community of the highest qualities of Christian faith, love and social justice.

Our Approach to Learning

Our approach to learning is based on well documented research in the field of Early Childhood Development that indicates that learning happens best for children when they are given the opportunity to actively explore their environment through learning centers, where there is a balance between teacher-directed and child-directed activities, and when instructional strategies are used that meet each individual child's stage of development.

Our Developmental Objectives and Philosophy:

- Prepare children for the next stage in life by providing experiences that develop them educationally, socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.
- To provide the highest quality of care in a loving, supportive, safe environment
- To support the families of children through support, education, and resources
- We offer weekday preschool for families with children ages 16 months to 6 years
- The curriculum is appropriate for each stage of development with careful attention to achieving developmental standards in multiple areas of your child's life
- Every member of the outstanding faculty of Winfree Memorial Preschool is highly committed to the success of each child.

At Winfree Memorial Preschool we foster the opportunities for each child to enrich their understanding of the world in which they live by providing:

- To help the children socially by learning, working, playing and eating together happily
- To help the children grow in their ability to express themselves through language, art, music and creative expression.
- To provide opportunities to develop cognitive development as well as literacy and language development
- To develop good healthy habits such as, proper eating , cleanliness and safety and large motor skills development
- Daily small and whole group activities
- Observation based assessments that track your child's progress toward developmental milestones and school readiness skills

- Regular teacher family communication and parent teacher conferences
- An education appropriate to their stage of development

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What does accreditation mean? This achievement acknowledges that Winfree Memorial Preschool has met exemplary standards for a program providing early care and education for young children. It is one of the many steps towards excellence. NAC accredited programs demonstrate a “NAC” for excellence in everything we do from building partnerships between teachers and families to planning engaging curriculum activities that nurture, support, and encourage children’s healthy growth and development.

Communication

Our school emphasizes constant communication with our parents to monitor each child's progress and development. It is our belief that a communicative relationship with our parents is an essential part of our children's success. We also place high priority on keeping our school family oriented. In doing so, we establish bonds with our children and parents that remain intact even when they leave our program. By creating these bonds, we grant each child the tools they need to be successful.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Your child’s teachers will hold a parent teacher conference with you twice during the school year: **November 5th and 6th 2018 and again May 6st and 7th 2019.**

Winfree Preschool will be closed during Parent Teacher conferences. Childcare will be available during parent teacher conferences. During the conference time you will be able to share your expectations with the teachers and the teacher will have an opportunity to share developmental goals and ideas with you.

Curriculum

Winfree Preschool is a play based preschool. Allowing children to explore and create throughout the day.

Winfree Memorial Preschool is committed to helping each child attain their developmental and educational objectives.

Our educational goals are based on the Virginia Department of Education's publication, **Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Comprehensive standards for Four-year olds and the Virginia smart beginnings/milestones of child development a guide to young children's learning and development from birth to kindergarten.** Both of these publications provide learning standards for children which prepare them for kindergarten. The goals and objectives cited throughout Winfree Preschool's lesson plans are derived from these sources, which are the most credible and highly respected curriculum tools developed specifically to align preschool work and play with Kindergarten requirements and standards of learning (SOL) in Virginia. The preschool uses the "WEE" curriculum, supplemented with our own materials to achieve the child's goals.

Early and Extended Care

This program is a Monday-Friday program for all ages. The program runs from 7:30a.m-6:00p.m During Extended Care, your child will be participating in different center time activities as well as developing social skills with other students. Extended Care teachers post lesson plans weekly. Extended Care will begin on September 4th 2018.

Lucky Lunch

Lucky Lunch is a program in place where your child can bring his or her lunch to school and dine with other students and teachers. Lucky Lunch is in place to provide an easy transition for your child to attend enrichment programs if you so choose. The cost for Lucky Lunch is \$10 per child per day. Lucky Lunch is available for children three years and older.

Enrichment

We are offering new and exciting enrichment programs that will take place right here at Winfree, so you do not need to travel or leave for the day! We bring the programs straight to you. You have the flexibility to sign up for as many or as little as you like. Some of the programs we are offering are, ***Soccer Shots, Shooting Stars, Kindermusik, Bricks for kids, and Young Rembrandts, and Katie's Little Dancers.***

Facebook/Website

Join us on Facebook to hear about our upcoming events and articles. (Winfree Memorial Preschool) and our website: www.winfreepreschool.org If you are a returning family and you have time, go ahead and give us a review on FACEBOOK or GOOGLE. This will help get the word out about Winfree Preschool and all the wonderful ministries that we have here for your friends and colleagues right here in your neighborhood.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am looking forward to our new school year and I believe together we are going to make some wonderful memories.

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