

**Chestnut Christian
Preschool
&
Kindergarten**

“Learning and growing with Christian values”

Since September 1983

2009-2010



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Explanation of Programs

Butterflies (5 year old kindergarten) ½ day Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu afternoon Extended Day – Adding three mornings to the above

Child should be five years old by September 30th. Emphasis is placed on dealing with the “whole child.” Cognitive, social-emotional, gross and fine motor, and speech and language are all part of the young child’s development. We endeavor to achieve this by teaching basic readiness, phonics, math concepts, writing, beginning reading, music, literature, and speech.

Half Day Monday through Thursday 12:00 - 3:00

Lunch Bunch drop off at 11:35

Extended Day – adding 8:30 -12:00 (M,W,TH)

A.M. Cocoons (4 year old Pre-K) – Mon, Wed, Thurs Mornings

Child should be four years old by September 30th. Informal individualized instruction. Directed play with educational materials. Includes music, literature, art, and many enrichment activities including emergent literacy and mathematical thinking.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:30 - 11:20 (doors open at 8:15)

Lunch Bunch pick-up at 11:50

P.M. Cocoons (4 year old Pre-K) – Mon/Tue/Wed/Thurs Afternoon

Same info as above only this program has an extra afternoon allowing time for a slightly more academic focus.

Monday through Thursday, 12:00 – 3:00

Lunch Bunch drop off at 11:35

Caterpillars (3 year olds) – Tuesday & Friday Morning

Child should be three years old by September 30th (or 2 years 9 months see “Admission”). A large part of the program is enriched play with educational materials. Includes music, literature, art, and social interaction. Informal individualized learning, and some academic skills introduced.

Tuesday and Friday 8:30 – 11:20 (doors open at 8:15)

Lunch Bunch pick up at 11:50

Lunch Bunch

The school does not provide lunches, but is always ready to provide healthy snacks in an emergency. Lunches should be ready-to-eat.

Fun Fridays

Friday afternoons there are no regular classes. Field Trips are organized for the children and their families at minimal cost. Once a month we have “You-Get-A-Break” from 12:00 to 4:00 (by donation). The children from all classes and their siblings are invited to the school for an afternoon of playing games, making crafts, and other fun activities.

REGISTRATION

Between January 1 and January 15 registration for the next school year begins for families currently in the school, alumni, and for families who attend Chestnut Hill Chapel. On January 15 registration opens to the public.

STAFF

Lorraine Miller, Director

Mrs. Miller is a 1974 graduate of Fairwood Bible Institute. She is a mother of two grown children, and has been involved with Chestnut Christian Preschool & Kindergarten for over 20 years. Prior to becoming the director and administrator of CCPS & K, she spent many years working with children ranging in ages from 3 years to 6th grade for the New Boston public school system. She lives in New Boston and welcomes phone calls if you have any questions.

Chestnut Christian Preschool & Kindergarten employs professionals and para-professionals to assist the lead teachers. Primarily we look to our parent base and use those parents who have proven their love and dedication, not only to children but also to the school and its philosophy.

Chestnut Christian Preschool & Kindergarten does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin or denominational affiliation in administration of educational policies, scholarship or loan programs (should it have them), or other school-administered programs.

Chestnut Christian Preschool & Kindergarten has a policy not to initiate fundraisers.

Chestnut Christian Preschool & Kindergarten is incorporated (see # below), is licensed by the New Hampshire Department of Child Care Licensing (#1183), and has been granted non-profit 501(C)(3) status by the Internal Revenue Service.

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Purpose

Our purpose is to provide early childhood learning experiences based on Biblical principles, in order to enrich your child's learning process, to supplement and foster home learning, and to help each child make a smooth transition between home and elementary school. School should be a positive experience with adults who care about the whole child and their family.

Philosophy

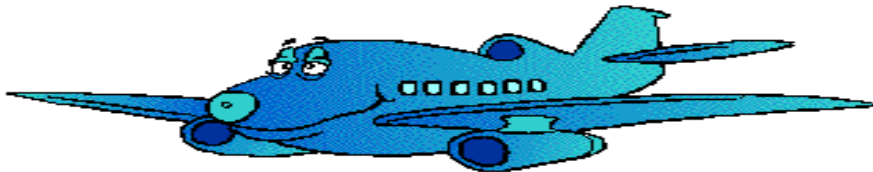
Chestnut Christian Preschool & Kindergarten is a non-denominational Christian School. We teach many Bible stories and their basic truths. No specific church doctrine is taught. An emphasis on Christian values is entwined throughout all of the programs.

We believe each child is a unique and valuable individual created in God's image for His purpose, and the youngest child can praise and glorify our Creator and Lord and Savior. We believe that each child has a unique, divinely created timetable for development; we should neither force nor prevent a child's development and learning, but should nurture and encourage the developmental process at its own rate. When a child is ready to learn, our program is prepared to teach him/her without delay.

We believe education should be introduced gradually throughout early childhood rather than cataclysmically at the age of 6. *"For it is precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little."* Our program reflects our philosophy of gradual entry into the world of formal schooling, society and independence. Research has shown that a good preschool education does in fact prepare a child for school and the children who have been to preschool usually adjust to school more readily and enjoy it more.

Our aim is not only to provide your child with the best preschool experience available, but also help parents to set up a schedule that works best for your family. We want you to consider us an extension of your family, helping you in any way we can.

We consider our prices fair and reasonable but we understand that some find themselves in a position where they cannot afford them. Please let us know if this is the case so that we can help you, if we can.



Admission

All children may apply for a given age class provided they reach that age by September 30th unless specific arrangements have been made with the director. We are licensed for children 2 years 9 months and on a limited basis will conditionally accept this aged child in the Caterpillar Program with the mutual understanding that they will repeat the Caterpillar Program unless other arrangements have been made. When a parent fills out a registration card and pays the registration, insurance fee, and book fee, his/her child is formally admitted. If the class is filled, the parents will be notified and either the fees will be returned promptly or the child will be placed on a waiting list.

Screening children for special needs is an important part of our program because we recognize the great advantage of early intervention. Children of varying abilities and disabilities are welcomed into all classes.

Attendance

We recommend that parents send children to school regularly since we will be introducing skills that build on each other. However, if your child has a contagious disease, please keep him/her at home. We request that parents call the school if their child is going to be absent. Children who arrive on time adjust better than those dropped off late.

The downstairs school door is for drop-off in the morning. The upstairs church door is for drop-off and pick-up in the afternoon. Parents may park in the north parking lot and enter the school through the lower school door. Both entrances are locked during normal school hours in order to preserve the safety of the children. A doorbell alerts us that you would like to come in. We welcome parents in the classroom to observe, although we ask that they not confer with the teacher during class time.

In case of inclement weather, we take our cue from the local public school system. We list delays and closures on WMURTV Manchester.

Notices

Send a book bag or knapsack with your child each day. It is very helpful if the child's name is on it somewhere for easy identification.

Children should only bring toys from home on the designated Show and Tell Day. By law, toy weapons are not allowed for any reason.

Maximum communication between home and school is an important part of our program. Newsletters are sent home every month with both news on the past month and information for the following month. Calendars with special events are also sent home with the newsletter. The teacher is continually evaluating your child's progress and will share this information with parents regularly. Parent/Teacher Conferences are a part of the school calendar twice a year providing optimum communication between parent and teacher.

Parents provide healthy snack items once a month. With all of your donations we are able to offer to the children several items at snack time.

Birthday Parties are held each month for all those with birthdays during the month. A summer birthday party is held in May. Only during classroom parties are desserts such as ice cream, cake, cupcakes, donuts, or brownies served.

Please dress children in "wash and wear" clothing. Painting is an important part of our program and we try to treat stains quickly, but "creative expression" sometimes ends up on clothing!

Please send outer clothing that is easily managed by children. Please help us reduce the "Lost and Found" items by marking your son or daughter's name or initials on all clothing that comes on or off during the school day.

Parent volunteers are welcome in the classroom at any time. On class party day parent volunteers plan the food and activities.

Home Visits

For all new students who register before August 15th, the director or lead teacher will arrange to make a home visit before school starts. The time is spent getting to know each other, as well as asking any questions about the school.

First and Last Day of School

The school year begins with an Open House the Thursday and Friday after Labor Day. The children, parents, and siblings come into the school to explore and play and meet each other. The last day of school is at the end of May.

Holidays We Celebrate with Special Activities/Party

Oct: Pumpkin Patch Harvest Party (Enjoy harvest time for winter is coming!)

Nov: Thanksgiving (Thank you God for everything!)

Dec: Christmas (Jesus' Birth)

Feb: Valentine's Party (Love for each other)

Mar/Apr: Easter (Celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus)



Explanation of Fees

Registration - Insurance - Book Fees

Payment of Registration, Insurance, and Book Fees insures that your child has a place in the class. These fees are only refundable if the class is full and you do not wish to be placed on the Wait List.

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Book Fee</u>
Butterflies (5's) M/T/W/TH P.M.	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
A.M. Cocoons (4's) 3 mornings.	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$10.00
P.M. Cocoons (4's) 4 afternoons	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$10.00
Caterpillars (3's) 2 mornings	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$10.00

2009-2010 Monthly Tuition

Butterflies (K 5 years old) ½ Day Mon through Thurs (P.M.)	\$ 165.00
Extended Program (3 Mornings includes Lunch Bunch):	\$ 125.00
A.M. Cocoons (Pre-K 4 years old) 3 mornings	\$ 140.00
Extended Program (each afternoon added)	\$ 45.00
P.M. Cocoons (Pre-K: 4 years old) 4 afternoons:	\$ 165.00
Extended Program (each morning added)	\$ 45.00
Caterpillars (3 years old) 2 mornings	\$ 110.00
Young Caterpillars (2 yrs 9 mo & Pull-up Kids) 2 mornings	\$ 120.00

Lunch Bunch

Add an additional \$20.00 per month to the above rates unless you are adding an Extended Day Program. The Lunch Bunch fee is included in the Extended Program fee for that day(s) and prorated for the remaining day(s) if used.

Extended Programs

The A.M. and P.M. Cocoon Programs offer extended programs which will be available as space allows.

Late Pick-up Fee

For the occasional day when you are not able to pick up on time, the cost is \$5.00 per any portion of a quarter hour. Parents are considered "Late" when there is no one in the pick up lane. We will bring the child back downstairs. Bills will be sent home once a month.

Discounts

Families with more than one child attending need pay ½ of the registration fee on the 2nd child and take 10% off of the 2nd child's tuition. Families who financially support Chestnut Hill Chapel may take a 10% discount.

Tuition

If parents are unable to make payments promptly, please make arrangements with the director. We reserve the right to add late fees. Please have tuition paid in full or a payment plan in place by May 15th in order for your child to participate in the graduation exercises.