

Curriculum:

Willow Creek Preschool uses the Wee Learn Curriculum (which is the only Faith-based curriculum recognized for VPK).

Philosophically it is a hands-on curriculum that encourages participation from students and open ended, individual outcome. Self-esteem through students thought or project is built through independent and accepted results.

We have also incorporated the Creative Curriculum as a resource as well. All written language is taught phonetically and math is hands-on learning. We encourage individualized scaffolding in the classroom and through playful teaching students (who are ready) are highly prepared for Kindergarten when they leave Willow Creek.

Lesson plans are posted in classrooms and monthly calendars are given to parents indicating the Unit of study as well as other information.

Willow Creek Preschool also integrates STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) into the curriculum. Children are encouraged through STEM activities to plan, predict, identify problems, solve problems, design, sequencing, and patterning, share discoveries, explore shapes, use tools and ask questions.

Willow Creek Preschool weekly offers simple words in Spanish to students. As their Spanish vocabulary builds it is fortified each month with review.

Spiritual Growth:

Our Faith is interwoven throughout each day of school. Our goal is to nurture a love of God and an understanding of His Son, Jesus Christ. We encourage children to see God in everything and to gain the knowledge of His constant presence.

Willow Creek provides a time daily for an age appropriate Bible story. Each age group has a monthly Bible verse that is recited before the story.

Children also attend chapel weekly on Tuesday mornings from 9:20-9:45. Chapel is a time of singing fun songs of faith and a Bible story. Parents are invited to join us for chapel at any time throughout the school year.

Music:

Our music program is based on fun and physical activity. Children learn listening skills, rhythm, knowledge of instruments, singing, memorization and movement to music.

We have also married into our music program the S.M.I.L.E. Lab. (Sensory Motor Intensive Learning Environment). This is an intentional time of "Brain Building". Stations are set up in such a way that the movement required causes the two hemispheres of the brain to connect through the firing of the central neurons. It is simply fun and exciting for the children while we are (secretly) developing brain growth.

Playground

Willow Creek has an excellent playground designed to encourage both independent and cooperative play. Children visit the playground at least once a day and are supervised by their teacher.

The playground consists of swings, slides, climbing equipment, butterfly garden, sandbox and area for free running and play.