

Kindergarten at Woodbury Lutheran

For over 50 years, Woodbury Lutheran Preschool has served families in our congregation and our community through excellence in early education alongside the opportunity to share the love and good news of Jesus Christ with their children. For a number of years, Kindergarten was an integral part of this work however as the needs and expectations of this grade evolved into a full day program for the school district we decided to focus on preparing children for this important year in their life. The opportunity has once again presented itself for us to provide Kindergarten and we are excited to welcome children back for a kindergarten experience at Woodbury Lutheran during the 2020-2021 academic year.

WL KINDERGARTEN AT A GLANCE

- ◇ SMALL CLASS SIZES (MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE OF 1:15)
- ◇ SCHOOL DAY MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30AM-2:30PM
- ◇ FULL KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM WHICH ALSO INCLUDES DAILY FAITH COMPONENTS
- ◇ BALANCE OF HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCES ALONGSIDE KEY ACADEMIC KINDERGARTEN SKILLS
- ◇ COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS THROUGH STRONG HOME-SCHOOL CONNECTIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS
- ◇ SCHOOL PROVIDED SUPPLIES AND SNACKS; PARENT PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION AND LUNCHES
- ◇ TUITION AND FEES \$6350 (INCLUDES TADS FEES)
- ◇ MUST BE 5 BY THE FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN



**Woodbury Lutheran
Preschool**

***Our address is 7380 Afton Road
Woodbury, MN 55125***

We're conveniently located off of Valley Creek between Queens Drive and Bielenberg Drive –we're across the street from Target.

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Curriculum Information

We know that kindergarten is an important avenue to formal learning for your child! While curriculum choices matter, we know that there are a variety of options available and for that reason, it is important that what we teach and what your child learns align with District 833's goals for kindergarten. This allows for a smooth transition to first grade. Teachers have a strong understanding of state learning objectives and decisions about what is taught is made through this lens. We know that your kindergartener is still very much an active learner! Our instructional methods allow for them to learn in a multisensory manner that melds traditional classroom strategies with ones which involve experiential opportunities. Conferences will keep you up to date on your child's progress and our small class sizes allow for individualized attention.

Who Will Be Your Child's Teachers



- ◇ All lead teachers have four year degrees and are experienced in the field of early childhood
- ◇ All staff participate in ongoing continuing education specific to early childhood
- ◇ Staff value personal relationships with children and are experienced in individualizing instruction.
- ◇ Staff retention is high and adds consistency to our program.
- ◇ Staff have knowledge and understanding of state learning standards.



Components of your Child's Day Include

- ◇ Arrival and Welcome Times that include Morning Message, Attendance and some free play
- ◇ Literacy and Math Blocks where teachers use a combination of teacher directed large group instruction, small group learning, child directed activities and play based hands on learning with literacy and math focus to support these critical skills.
- ◇ Jesus time each day –offered through devotion, prayers, and a kindergarten religion curriculum
- ◇ Music, physical education, social studies, science, art and music instruction
- ◇ Continued practice using classroom routines such as verbal large group sharing activities, transitions, responsibilities for personal belongings and other key classroom skills

Lifelong Skills

Kindergarten is an important milestone in developing key school skills. In person classroom times supports peer interactions and social-emotional development. Teachers encourage essential problem solving and study skills. Classroom success means that your child will feel self-confident as a learner.

COVID Specific Questions Answered

- ◇ Will learning be in person? Yes, we plan to be in-person to the fullest extent possible. If for some reason a class does need to quarantine or if there is a state-wide closure, our teachers are fully prepared to move to online virtual learning.
- ◇ Are masks required? We feel that this is one of the aspects where we are seeing the greatest change in requirements. At this time we plan to have children and teachers wear masks in common areas and at arrival/dismissal time, however when they are in the classroom, we plan at this time to not have children wear masks.
- ◇ How are you minimizing the risk of closure? We are utilizing smaller consistent grouping of children and staff. We have health screening practices in place along with increased cleaning measures.
- ◇ We've already learned that living in a pandemic requires flexibility and change as we learn more about this virus. Our goal is to be transparent and timely with any changes that may need to be made to ensure that your child, your family and our staff stay healthy.