

Our Purpose and Philosophy

The school is a service of Northminster Presbyterian Church and is an extension of Northminster's Christian Education Program. Our goal is to nurture young children in the love of Jesus Christ and to provide each child with a positive introduction to formal education. We believe a child's first school experience is important because it lays the foundation for all future educational experiences. Therefore, we provide an encouraging atmosphere conducive to individual growth and development.

We believe that each child is a unique gift of God. Our approach involves the whole child and recognizes that each one develops at his or her own rate. We strive to provide an environment that is safe, loving, and rich in opportunities for learning and growth through age appropriate, hands-on activities.



Our Mission Statement

Northminster Christian School is committed to providing a Christ-centered educational environment where each child can learn and grow emotionally, physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually.

Our Staff

The school staff is all Christian and dedicated to working with young children. All participate in continuing education in areas of Early Childhood Development, Developmentally Appropriate Practice, as well as training in First Aid and CPR. Our elementary teachers are state certified and/ or ACSI certified. They also participate in continuing education as required by both the State of Arizona and accreditation.

If you desire more specific information on our teachers, please request the teacher bio/fact sheet. This informative handout explains the specific background, training, and experience of each of our teachers.

Our Program and Curriculum

Our half-day, state licensed program is open to children of all races, nationalities, and faiths. To ensure a quality program, we maintain a low teacher/child ratio for more individual attention. We encourage parental involvement both at home and in the classroom. Northminster Christian School is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International.

Our curriculum consists of a wide range of hands-on activities designed to allow children to learn as they play. Each class includes components of art, music, science, language development, math readiness, reading aloud and social skills. In addition to the basics, we include enriching and creative activities such as special guests, dramatic play, Bible stories, prayer, and outdoor play. All of our classes include library time in our church's beautifully equipped library.

Our class schedule is designed to meet the needs of active families while nurturing growth and development in their children.

We offer a class for two-year-olds on Monday and Wednesday. The class for three-year-olds meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Both classes meet from 9:00am-12:00pm.

While the younger classes consist of many traditional preschool activities, it was designed as a true "first time" school experience. The emphasis here is on developing positive self-esteem, educational enjoyment, and personal responsibility.

There are two class choices for four-year-olds: Monday through Friday or Tuesday & Thursday. All classes meet from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Our Kindergarten and First Grade curriculum and learning objectives exceed the state requirements and are designed to prepare children for the next grade level. This is accomplished through hands-on and age appropriate curriculum (Please see our curriculum guide for details). Our Kindergarten and First Grade meet Monday through Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm. On Friday they meet 9:00am-12:00pm.

This is a well-rounded school experience balancing both academic and social development skills, which build a foundation for each following year. Classes meeting on Wednesday also have Chapel time each week, led by our pastors or other qualified staff. For those children attending Monday through Friday, specialized attention is given with emphasis on reading, reading skills and school readiness.

We offer an exciting Enrichment Program four days a week, Monday-Thursday, 12:00pm-2:00pm. The Enrichment Program is offered for all age groups in the Preschool, but the younger children will be in their own group. This program continues to build and enhance skills being taught in the morning. All children will enjoy an extended time of learning, free play, stories, and creative activities with the loving supervision of our staff. Children should bring a sack lunch. Families must sign up and reserve one month at a time. The rate for this program is \$10.00 a session. (For those who need additional hours we have an arrangement with Happy Trails School for childcare until 6:00pm).

Enrollment, Registration, and Scheduling

The age for preschool enrollment corresponds with the standard age policies for the school districts in and around the Tucson area. To be enrolled in the age appropriate class a child must be the age of that class on or before August 31 of the school year. Due to our class sizes, staffing, and the age appropriate curriculum, all students must meet these age requirements for enrollment.

A **non-refundable** registration fee of \$105.00 for Preschool or \$125.00 for Kindergarten and First Grade is due at the time of enrollment.

Our school operates on a ten month basis with equal monthly tuition payments due at the beginning of each month.

Fee Schedule

Two Days.....\$150/month
9:00am to 12:00pm

Three Days.....\$200/month
9:00am to 12:00pm

Four Days.....\$250/month
9:00am to 12:00pm

Five Days.....\$295/month
9:00am to 12:00pm

Five Day Kindergarten.....\$385/month
9:00am-2:00pm

First Grade.....\$425.00/month
9:00am-2:00pm

After School Enrichment Program
Offered Monday-Thursday
12:00-2:00pm
\$10.00 per session
Early Care Program
Offered Monday – Friday
7:45am-9:00am
\$6.00 per session

Please See the Parents Handbook for a listing of school holidays.

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by God's Love*

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