

Welcome to our Bethany Lutheran Preschool



WHY BETHANY?

At Bethany Lutheran we are privileged to teach our students about Jesus and His grace, forgiveness, compassion, and love! In addition, your child will learn "pre-skills," which lay the groundwork for the future. Our play-based curriculum, **Mother Goose Time**, is a themed curriculum that aligns with the Illinois Early Learning Standards and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). In addition, we use the Jamie White "Play To Learn Preschool" program. Through playing, singing, and learning, your preschooler will learn skills that will ultimately help them learn to read, write, build math and science skills, and become successful students. Our preschoolers learn "school readiness" skills which help them understand the routines of school, how to work in groups, and how to be students. We also teach using a Bible Curriculum called **One in Christ**, **Heggerty Phonics**, as well as **Handwriting Without Tears**.

WHAT DOES PRESCHOOL LOOK LIKE AT BLS?

Bethany's Early Childhood classrooms are organized by centers or areas that are divided by different subjects and areas of play. In our classrooms you will find a reading area, arts and crafts center, sensory table, building and math toys, and an area for pretend play. As preschoolers move through the classroom and manipulate toys, puzzles, and shapes, they are developing skills from the different domains of learning (social/emotional, physical, language & literacy, math & reasoning, social studies development, science development, and creative development). The school day is structured with time for free play as well as teacher directed instruction. We have a wonderful mix of socialization & academics!