

Mission Statement

Hope Preschool is committed to serving children of families in this congregation and the surrounding communities in an environment of care and love. Our preschool program will promote growth in each child within his/ her capabilities. These growth areas will be intellectually, emotionally, spiritually, and physically. Hope offers quality Christian care in a safe and wholesome environment to the young children of our community. We believe the Christian oriented focus makes our preschool one with an important difference.

Class Times

M/W/F -9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Tuition

Tuition payments of \$100 are due monthly and must be paid by the end of the first week of that month. If payment has not been received by the 10th of the month, a \$5 late fee will be added to your bill.

Arrival

We open the doors at 9:25 am, so please bring your child at that time. We prefer that you encourage your child to take off and hang his/her own coat and backpack. Please have your child at school by 9:45 (doors will be locked at this time) so that we may start our day. Please call in the morning to let us know if your child will be arriving late.

Pick Up

Doors will be unlocked at 11:55. Please do not arrive early to pick up your child unless you have given prior notice. Children **MUST** be picked up by 12:10. If you are going to be late, please call and let us know. If we have not heard from you by 12:15, we will

Notice of nondiscriminatory policy

Hope Nursery School is administered as part of the educational ministry of Hope Lutheran Church.

Hope Lutheran Church believes that educational opportunities and programs should be open to boys and girls on an equal basis, and that employment opportunities should be available to men and women equally. This is also prescribed by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. We, therefore, do not discriminate on the basis of gender in administering our educational policies, programs, activities and employment practices.

Hope Nursery School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies.

Reminders...

1. Keep in touch! Read the monthly newsletter and ask questions when you have them.
2. Please do not allow your child to bring any toys, but especially toy weapons to school. We do not play with toys at Hope that encourage aggressive behavior.
3. Please do not allow your child to bring any gum or candy into the building.
4. **LABEL all of your child's belongings!**
5. We want you and your child to have an enjoyable experience here at Hope!
6. Please make sure we always have the correct contact information for you in case of an emergency!

This program is a combined class of 3 and 4 year old children.

3 Year Old Program

The main focus of our three-year-old program is social maturity. If a child has a sense of well-being with his/ her peers and practices social rules, he/ she has a very important building block to academic success. It is our goal to encourage these qualities through cooperative learning groups as well as cooperative play.

They will be exposed to letters, numbers, colors and many other academic concepts; however we will not have a direct focus on them this year. We practice social skills continually; sharing, taking turns, cooperation, listening quietly when someone else is talking, following directions, and being considerate of other's feelings. Following the same routine each week promotes security. We show a loving acceptance for each child to foster self-esteem and a sense of worth.

4 Year Old Program

An important aspect of our four-year-old program is developing character. We try to help the children learn about themselves, develop their self-esteem, shape positive attitudes toward life and recognize the importance of working cooperatively. We continually strive to improve work habits; being attentive, sharing, listening, following directions, taking turns, showing initiative and understating good health habits. We are constantly encouraging individual choices, growth in self-control and personal skills (such as cutting, gluing, writing, and recognizing their name, numbers, and colors), interaction with other children and continual exposure to learning experiences, both new and old. Our goal is to make sure these children are prepared to enter kindergarten next fall.

begin calling people listed on the release form to come and pick up your child. If someone other than a parent will be picking up your child we need to know in writing or through a phone a call. If you are sending someone to pick up your child who is not on their release, you **MUST** call us. You can add to your child's form at any time!

School Schedule

You will be notified in the monthly newsletter of any scheduled days off for that month. Holiday scheduling will be the same as the Pioneer Central Schools. There are a few exceptions, such as parent/ teacher conference days, superintendent's day, etc. Pay attention to your monthly newsletter and calendar!

Emergency Closing

If the Pioneer district closes **DUE TO WEATHER** we will also be closed. If the Pioneer district has a 1 hour delayed opening we still have school, if there is a 2 hour delay we will be closed. There may, however, be other conditions that would cause the closing of one and not the other, such as heating or water problems.

Parking

You are required to park in the church parking lot, NOT IN THE DRIVEWAY. The driveway must remain clear for other parents to get through. Please observe and obey the signs in the driveway as they were installed for the safety of your children. Please let anyone picking up your child know where they must park! If everyone knows what to do from the very beginning it makes for a much smoother year!

Clothing

All children should wear comfortable, weather appropriate clothing. Unless it is raining, we will go outside on a daily basis, including in the winter! **If you feel your child isn't well enough to play outside, please keep him/ her home.** We will also paint on a daily basis, please send in a paint shirt for your child. Please send in an extra set of clothing for your child, accidents happen!

*** Make sure you label EVERYTHING that you send to school! ***

Snacks

We ask that each child bring in a snack on a rotating basis. A snack calendar will be given each month. We encourage you to send in nutritional foods; avoiding anything high in sugar. Suggestions: pretzels, cheese & crackers, granola bars, popcorn, fruits/ veggies, etc. Homemade snacks are acceptable. If you will be sending a snack that requires spoons or forks, you will need to provide them. We will celebrate your child's birthday or 6 month point if it falls in the summer.

Conferences

At this time we do not reserve time for parent/ teacher conferences. If you feel the need for a conference, please let us know and it can be arranged.

Parent Involvement

We invite and encourage you to participate in our daily program whenever possible. We always have many things going on and can always use extra pairs of hands.

We ask that you share information with us of happenings within the home that might influence your child's behavior at school. It will help to support your child if we know what is happening. The two major issues we face are a death in the family (even a pet) or parental issues.

Absences

When your child will not be attending we request that you notify us, 492-2530. It is important that we know of any contagious illness so that we can notify other parents if necessary. Please send in a note when your child returns stating the date and reason for the absence. If an extended absence is expected, please notify us as soon as possible and financial arrangements can be worked out.

Behavior Bowl

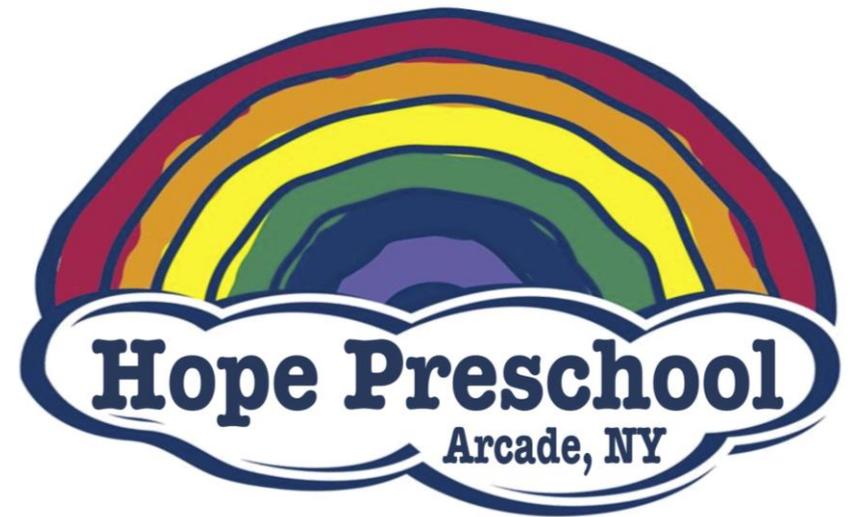
We have a fishbowl on our bulletin board where each child is represented by a fish. If they are not following a classroom rule they may be moved to an 'uh-oh' bubble. If they need to be spoken to again, they may be moved to a 'time-out' bowl. This means that they really had a difficult day and were not following the classroom rules. We give two levels of rewards at the end of the day, a treat and a hand stamp.

Daily Schedule

9:30	Arrival/ Table activities
9:45	Calendar Time
10:15	Work/Play Time
11:00	Jesus Time
11:15	Bathroom/hand washing/ Snack
11:30	Book Time
11:35	Gross Motor Time
11:50	Prepare for Pick Up

*This is an approximate schedule. Times may change depending on the events of the day. Any major changes will be included in the monthly newsletter.

Parent Handbook



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