

Welcome to St. Timothy's Preschool!

You've taken the first step in choosing a quality preschool experience for your child by considering St. Timothy's Preschool.

We are a state-licensed, non-profit preschool program administered by St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. We have been providing quality early education experiences since 1961. Our programs are designed to give your child a happy, loving and creative place to develop social, emotional, physical and intellectual skills using developmentally appropriate practices.

While our preschool curriculum includes no specific religious materials, we do provide an atmosphere that facilitates respect for individuals, love for one another, and caring for each other in a manner that develops self-awareness, self-esteem, and self-reliance.

We believe communication between teachers and parents is one of the keys to the success of your child's preschool experience. Some of the ways we accomplish this are: by providing both a class newsletters and school-wide communication, offering two parent-teacher conference sessions per year, and holding fall, winter, and spring gatherings for families.

Thank you for your interest in St. Timothy's Preschool. I welcome any opportunity to visit with you and show you around our school.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Maxwell, BS MS NAC
Director

St. Timothy's Preschool
1020 24th Street
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Our mission is to provide child-directed, individualized, hands-on learning within a prepared environment. The school seeks to educate the social, physical, intellectual, and emotional needs of each child, while generating a sense of community among children, teachers, and families.



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At St. Timothy's Preschool, children are provided the opportunities to develop:

- Socialization skills
- Responsibility for themselves
- Responsibility for their world
- Appropriate classroom behavior
- Gross motor skills
- Fine motor skills
- Problem solving skills
- Number and letter recognition
- Logical thinking
- Counting, sorting, matching skills
- Listening and speaking skills
- Reading and writing skills

What sets us apart from other preschool programs?

- A 5-star rating, the highest given by the State of Iowa's Quality Rating System
- DHS licensed
- Voluntary collaboration with West Des Moines Community Schools and Polk County Empowerment
- Classroom instruction by certified teachers who have earned Bachelors or Masters Degrees in Education
- Nationally Certified Administrator
- Emphasis on developing the whole child while preparing for kindergarten

Our Classes:

2 & 3 year olds 2-day program

- Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Tuition is \$115.00/month
- Children must be 2 years old by 4/1/11 for September start or 2 years old by 9/15/11 for January start
- Children do not need to be toilet trained.
- A \$75.00 non-refundable fee must be paid at time of enrollment.

3 & 4 year olds 2-day program

- Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Tuition is \$115.00/month
- Children must be 3 years old by 9/15/11 and toilet trained.
- A \$75.00 non-refundable fee must be paid at time of enrollment.

3 & 4 year olds 3-day program

- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
- 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Tuition is \$140.00/month
- Children must be 3 years old by 9/15/11 and toilet trained.
- A \$75.00 non-refundable fee must be paid at time of enrollment.

4 & 5 year olds Pre-K 4-day program

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
- AM: 9:00am-11:30am (10hrs/week)
 - Tuition is \$160.00/month
- PM: 12:30 pm-3:30pm (12hrs/week)
 - Tuition is \$175.00/month
- Children must be 4-years old by 9/15/11
- A \$50.00 non-refundable fee must be paid at time of enrollment.

2-5 year olds Religious Play Hour

- Fridays
- 11:30am-1:00pm
- Tuition is \$35.00/session. Sessions last 5 weeks.

The staff at St. Timothy's Preschool continually strives to enhance the quality of the preschool program.

This is achieved by:

- Pursuing continuing education classes
- Participating in the Quality Rating System and maintaining our 5-star rating
- Choosing to have an Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale assessment completed at the site
- Meeting the highest health and safety standards
- Implementing the Quality Preschool Program Standards Projects developed by the Iowa Department of Education

We believe that children thrive in a comfortable routine, so our days are structured to provide that framework.

Each school day includes:

- Circle time – children are welcomed and the lesson/work for the day is presented. This is also when the teacher introduces stories, songs, finger plays, and creative movement.
- Small group time – children are divided amongst the classroom teachers for small group instruction in math and language
- Center time – provides independent and cooperative play in a wide variety of learning centers. It's the largest block of time in our day.
- Snack time – encourages social conversations, table manners, and sharing of healthy snacks provided by the school.
- Gross motor/Outdoor Play- children can play games and participate in teacher-led activities or have free choice time in a recess-like setting.