

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?

- Classroom instruction by certified teachers who have earned Bachelors or Masters Degrees in Education
- Nationally Certified Administrator
- Fellowship opportunities for families at preschool-sponsored dinners and events
- Children spend time learning both in our indoor classrooms as well as our outdoor classroom
- Healthy, balanced snacks served daily by the school
- Voluntary collaboration with West Des Moines Community Schools
- Summer programming – preschool camps and play groups
- Voluntary participation in the State of Iowa's Quality Rating and Licensing Programs.

Our Classes:

2 & 3 year olds 2-day programs

- Tuesdays and Fridays for children who are two by 4/1/12; Mondays and Thursdays for children who are two by 9/15/12
- 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Tuition is \$135.00/month
- 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 \$125.00/month
- Children must be 3 years old by 9/15/12 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 \$150.00/month
- Children must be 3 years old by 9/15/12 and toilet trained.
- A \$75.00 non-refundable fee must be paid at time of enrollment.

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

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
- AM: 8:45am-11:45am
- PM: 12:30 pm-3:30pm
- SVPP grant pays full tuition for qualifying students
- Tuition is \$185.00/month
- Children must be 4-years old by 9/15/12
- A \$50.00 non-refundable fee must be paid at time of enrollment.

3-5 year olds Religious Education

- Fridays
- 11:30am-1:00pm
- Tuition is \$40.00/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
- Being a Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program Site – the grant is given only to those schools meeting the highest ratings in curriculum, assessment, health and safety standards, teacher qualifications, and parent-teacher collaboration.
- Implementing the Quality Preschool Program Standards developed by the Iowa Department of Education and participating in a site visit
- Utilizing NAEYC's best practices for Early Childhood Education
- Lead and Associate teachers planning for and assessing students together

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

Each school day includes:

- Rug time – children are welcomed and the lesson/work for the day is presented. Stories, songs, finger plays, and creative movement are introduced as well.
- Small group time – children are divided amongst the classroom teachers for small group instruction in curricular areas.
- Center time – provides independent and cooperative play, both indoors and outdoors, in a 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 an outdoors centers setting.

Welcome to St. Timothy's Preschool!

You've taken the first step in choosing a quality preschool experience for your child.

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 provide your child 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.

On any given day throughout the year you'll find children in our school learning through free-choice play in our indoor and outdoor centers; working in our garden; participating in one of our summer camps; working toward an individual academic goal; or working as a whole-class group on a unit of study.

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 class newsletters/blogs 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 the opportunity to visit with you and show you around our school.

Sincerely,
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Director

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Our mission is to provide play-based, 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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