



Child Care HELP!Line

# Preschool Booklet

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Choosing a preschool program that is right for your child(ren) is an important decision. We urge you to visit several facilities in order to inspect and interview the preschool director and/or teachers. Please look at the resource information on the back of this packet to assist you in this process.

NOTES

Please keep in mind that the information given to you does not constitute an endorsement by the HELPLINE Center. All of the information contained in the enclosed booklet is reported by the preschools themselves. You will need to verify its validity. You, as a parent or guardian, are responsible for determining and monitoring the quality of each program. The final decision must be made by you.

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**Bethel Lutheran Preschool**  
**1801 S. Valley View Rd.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 362-8231**

**Contact:** Natalie Priebe

**Ages Served:** 4 years - 5 years

**Days and Hours Available:**

T/W/Th 8:00 am - 11:30 am

**Fees:** Please call for fees.

**Educational Background and Experience:** Natalie has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. All teachers at Bethel are state licensed.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Bethel provides a comprehensive program that allows children to flourish. By using developmentally appropriate tools and activities, children will grow socially, physically, cognitively, and spiritually. Our curriculum includes Bible lessons, language and literacy exploration, small and large motor skill development, singing and music, movement indoors and outdoors, art activities, and small group lessons.

**Additional Information:** Bethel Lutheran School serves children in preschool through the eighth grade.

References available on request.

**Central Baptist Preschool & Kindergarten**  
**3100 W. Ralph Rogers Rd.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57108**  
**Phone: 336-2303**

**Contact:** Melissa Ludens

**Ages Served:** 2 years 8 months - 6 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

2, 3, 4 or 5 half days per week 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

\*Morning Kindergarten M - F 8:30 AM - 11:30 PM

\*Afternoon Kindergarten M - F 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

\*Extended Care 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

**Fees:** Please call 336-2303 for fees. Ask for Melissa.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** We believe Preschool Education should be age appropriate and based on solid child development principals. It should address the child's development in the following areas: Social, Emotional, Physical, Cognitive & Spiritual. We believe play should be the medium for a preschooler's learning. Teacher/child ratio's are set low so teachers have the opportunity to observe, play and clarify or correct misconceptions.

**Additional Information:** Outdoor play, gym, fenced in yard

References available on request.



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**211 HELP!Line**

24-hour information and crisis hotline

**Dial 211** or (605) 339-4357

- \* When you need help finding community information, government information, social service resources, support groups, donation information, child care, volunteer opportunities or financial assistance
- \* Resource guides include the Senior Directory, Mental Health Guide, Parent Resource Directory and an E-mail Resource Guide.
- \* Accredited by the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems

**Child Care HELP!Line**

Child care resource & referral for parents & providers

**Dial 211** or (605) 339-4357

- \* Quick access to current child care openings
- \* Information on child care issues

**Suicide Prevention HELP!Line**

Dial 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) 24-hours a day

- \* Providing crisis intervention, suicide prevention trainings, suicide information and outreach to families who have lost a loved one to suicide
- \* Certified by the American Association of Suicidology

**Volunteer HELP!Line**

Linking volunteers with community volunteer opportunities

- \* Search the web-based Volunteer Solutions database of over 100

## ***QUESTIONS TO ASK THE PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR...***

- Are policies and procedures clear and communicated to parents?
- What is the child/staff ratio?
- How long has the preschool been in operation?
- What is the philosophy of the preschool program?
- Are the hours flexible?
- Is there a penalty or fee for picking up my child late?
- What would a typical day be like for my child?
- Is the preschool closed any certain days? (holidays, vacations, etc?)
- How many other children are enrolled?
- Can I drop in and visit unannounced?
- Do the children understand the routine and rules?
- Do the children initiate interactions with the teachers?
- Does the environment fit your child's personality?
- Are there regularly scheduled parent-teacher conferences?

## ***RESOURCES FOR PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS***

This checklist is designed to help you in selecting a preschool program for your child(ren). When selecting an appropriate preschool program, you need to look at the needs of you and your child(ren).

- Child-sized furniture is available for younger children
- Enough space is available for play time
- Safe outdoor play area is accessible
- Variety of materials/play activities are available for every age group
- Offers multicultural books and activities for learning
- Teachers keep parents informed of activities and child's participation
- Teachers communicate with the parents about any accidents or illnesses
- Teachers spend time with the children and talk to them
- Staff members handle behavior problems appropriately
- Staff know CPR and First Aid
- The other children seem happy and get along with the teachers
- Activities help children explore and understand language
- Children's creativity is encouraged
- Self-help skills are emphasized
- Teachers follow through with rewards and punishments
- Teachers praise children; do not criticize or humiliate
- Teachers have received adequate education and in-service training

**Children's Care Hospital and School Reverse Inclusion Preschool  
2501 W. 26th St.**

**Sioux Falls, SD 57105**

**Phone: 782-2399**

**Contact:** Kathy War Bonnet

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 Year Olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

T/TH 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

*M/W Option will be considered if there is enough interest and children enrolled.*

**Fees:** Call for information

**Educational Background and Experience:** Preschool staff are highly qualified and may have either an Associate's Degree or may be certified with SD Teaching Certificates, and have specialized training in Early Childhood Methods and Techniques, CPR, Specialized Behavior Training, and have worked with young children in a variety of environments including Public Schools, Private Special Education Programs, and Dorm and Residential Work.

**Philosophy of Preschool Program:** The Reverse-Inclusion program has been endorsed by our State Universities and Early Childhood Organizations as an innovative and research-based program. Young children ages 3-7 with special needs are enrolled in the regular Special Education Preschool Program at Children's Care Hospital and School through school districts and private pay situations from around our area and state. Preschoolers with typical development attend sessions that are run like a typical preschool program with opportunities for play, socialization, thematic units, calendar, and pre-kindergarten programming. Our Speech/Occupational/Physical/Musical Therapists and Computer Specialists provide in-class assistance and observation of all students as needed.

The goal of this program is to provide all children with highly individualized programming whether they have special needs or are of typical development. All children have the opportunity to be educated in a program of a higher caliber than most preschools because of the education, experience, and training of all staff. If you are looking for a program that will help your child be prepared not only academically but also socially, emotionally, and physically for their kindergarten year, take a look at our preschool. Children graduate from our program with a level of understanding, empathy, and maturation not attained in other preschools.

**Christian Center Preschool**  
**6300 W. 41st St.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 361-8002**  
**Website: www.cceschool.org**

**Contact:** Susan Even

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 Year Olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 Year Olds: T/TH Mornings

*(Must be 3 by Sept. 1st and potty trained)*

Pre-K M/W/F 8:45 AM - 11:15 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

*(Must be 4 by Sept. 1st)*

**Fees:** 2 day - \$120 per month tuition

3 day - \$150 per month tuition

Each class has a \$100 registration/curriculum fee

**Regulations:** Registration starts January 27. Classes are limited to 9 students per teacher with a total capacity of 72 students. Our program starts late August and concludes mid-May.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** The Christian Center Preschool is an excellent first step toward learning for young children. It is operated in partnership with State-Accredited Christian Center Elementary and First Assembly of God Church. We use Interactive Curriculum to provide age appropriate activities for learning and fun. All classes include: Bible Time, Music, Gym Time, Field Trips, Crafts, Computers, Christmas Program, and a Graduation Ceremony. Parent-teacher Conferences keep parents informed of their child's progress. On site Christian Center Daycare offers extended care for those who desire it. Facilities include a gymnasium and a fenced in outdoor playground.

**Zion Lutheran Preschool**  
**1400 S. Duluth Avenue**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57105**  
**Phone: 605-338-5226**

**Contact:** Julene Sagissor

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 year olds: T/TH 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM

4 year olds: M/W/F 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM

**Fees:** 1 month tuition registration fee

3 year olds: \$73 per month

4 year olds: \$96 per month

**Regulations:** The child must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1; must have immunizations and health check prior to enrollment. Each class has a certified teacher plus one or two assistants, depending on class size. Student/teacher ratios are 6 to 1 for the 3 year olds and 8 to 1 for the 4 year olds.

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Director has a degree in Elementary Education and Preschool Teaching experience. Each class has an assistant with preschool experience.

**Additional Information:** Our educational program is designed to be very flexible in order to better meet the needs of all children regardless of their past experiences. We offer developmentally appropriate activities and lessons for children three to five years of age. Some activities include the following: Large Muscle Development through running, jumping and playing; Fine Motor Development through writing, drawing, coloring, cutting, painting and gluing; Language Development and Reading Readiness through storytelling, singing and socialization activities; and Social Development through sitting, listening, following directions, and working with others. Play is maintained as the heart of the program.

**V.A. Child Care Center**  
2501 West 22nd Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
Phone: 605-333-6877

**Contact:** Dawn Walker and Denice Tykwinski

**Ages Served:** 3 - 4 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**Fees:** \$75 per week

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Director has a BA in Education and Early Childhood Education and 20 years of experience. Staff must have a CDA, Diploma or teaching degree in Early Childhood.

**Additional Information:** We base our philosophy on the fact that each child is unique. We provide developmentally appropriate practices that focus on the social, emotional and physical needs of children in our care. We provide an environment that is safe, nurturing and fun. Our center allows children the opportunity to explore, experience and succeed.

**References Available Upon Request**

**Christ the King Preschool**  
1801 S. Lake Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
Phone: 338-5103

**Contact:** Nancy Clarey

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 year olds	T/TH	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
4 & 5 year olds	M/W/F	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
5 year olds	M-F	12:00 PM - 2:45 PM

**Fees:** Call for fees

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Preschool Teacher has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. The Educational Assistants have child care experience, Early Childhood Education Degrees or Elementary Education Degrees.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** All SFCS preschool programs feature developmentally appropriate instruction in a Christ-centered program. Our dedicated teachers are fully certified and our student-teacher ratios are well within State Guidelines. Student's growth is fostered in a creative, faith-filled, and nurturing learning environment.

**Additional Information:** Key components of the Preschool Curriculum include: Pre-readiness/Readiness skills, Fine and Gross Motor Skill Development and Practice, Language Skill Development, Art, Computer/Technology, Music Exploration, Faith Development, and Social Interaction. Extended Learning is optional. This helps to combine quality preschool sessions with safe and affordable child care. Christ the King offers Extended Learning for all preschool sessions.

References available upon request.

**Excel Discovery Center**  
**5005 S. Bur Oak Place**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57108**  
**Phone: 988-0900**  
**www.letslearnnow.com/preschool**

**Contact:** Molly Wilson

**Ages Served:** 2-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 year olds	W/F	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3 - 4 year olds	M/T/TH	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
4-5 year olds	M - TH	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Parent & Me	Fri or Sat.	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Extended care available 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM or 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

**Fees:** \$75 Registration fee

- 3 year olds: \$155 per month
- 3 - 4 year olds: \$180 per month
- 4 - 5 year olds: \$195 per month
- Parent & Me: \$65 per month

**Educational background and Experience:** Molly has both a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. She completed research in Italy related to preschool education. Head teachers have Master's Degrees related to Early Childhood Education and Teaching Assistants are enrolled in either a Bachelor's or Master's Degree program in Early Childhood.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Our goal is to foster a love of learning in each child. Through developmentally appropriate practices, children are given opportunities to explore, ask questions, discover, and create in a nurturing environment. Experiences include early literacy and math, science, music, art, dance, karate, field trips and more!

**Train Up A Child Preschool and Kindergarten**  
**4100 S. Bahnson Ave.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57103**  
**Phone: 371-1876**

**Contact:** Carla Tibbetts

**Ages Served:** 2 1/2 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

Pre 3's:	T or TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
3 year olds:	T/TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
4 & 5 year olds:	M/W/F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
	M-TH	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Pre-K	M-F	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Kindergarten	M-F	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

- Fees:** Pre-3's: \$50.00 a month  
3 year olds: \$90.00 a month  
4 & 5 yr olds: \$125.00 a month  
Pre-K: \$160.00 a month  
Kindergarten: \$185.00 a month  
Kindergarten Enrichment: \$75 a month for two days/week  
\$150 a month for four days/week

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and 13 years experience working with children. Staff and all teachers are certified.

**Additional Information:** Train Up a Child Preschool and Kindergarten is a ministry of Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church. The objective is to thoroughly prepare children for Kindergarten in a safe, Christian environment. We share the message of salvation through Jesus Christ with the children and teach them in a way that is consistent with God's Word. Train Up a Child Preschool and Kindergarten offers a safe, caring environment and is a perfect, loving start to your child's educational experience.

**Tea Sprouts Preschool**  
**120 E. 1st St.**  
**P.O. Box 575**  
**Tea, SD 57064**  
**Phone: 214-0913**

**Contact:** Amanda Brinkman

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 - 4 year olds:	T/TH	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
4 - 5 year olds:	M/W/F	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
4 - 5 year olds:	M/T/W/TH	12:45 PM - 3:15 PM

**Fees:** T/TH: \$90.00 per month  
M/W/F: \$120.00 a month  
M/T/W/TH: \$140.00 a month

There is a \$30 nonrefundable registration fee.

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education, a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree. She is a certified teacher and has 9 years of experience.

**Additional Information:** It is the position of the preschool that the children will be provided an education in an environment that fosters play as its basis. Activities will be developmentally appropriate and varied for the children. All classes will focus on skills to be better prepared for kindergarten.

If you would like more information about Tea Sprouts Preschool, check out our website: <http://as021.k12.sd.us> or email Amanda at [teasproutspreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:teasproutspreschool@yahoo.com)

**References Available Upon Request**

**First Baptist Preschool**  
**1401 South Covell Ave.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57105**  
**Phone: 336-0966**

**Contact:** Melissa Anawski

**Ages Served:** 3 -5 year olds, as of September 1st of each year

**Days and Hours Available:**

2, 3, or 4 day programs available 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
5 day pre-kindergarten 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Fees:** Range between \$80 - \$190 per month

**Regulations:** Must be toilet trained

**Educational Background and Experience:** Preschool Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and 5 years experience. All staff have degrees in Elementary Education or related studies or are Certified.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** The Children's Center is an outreach ministry of First Baptist Church that exists to provide quality education along with enrichment activities for children. The Center provides a safe, stimulating and caring environment in which children may develop their God given gifts and talents.

**Additional Information:** We provide a Christian atmosphere and staff. We have an important freedom not available in public education. God and his Son are an important part of our discussions; however, Theology and Doctrine are not taught.

**Gloria Dei Preschool**  
2800 East 57th Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
Phone: 371-3737

**Contact:** Sharon Claude

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available**

3 & 4 year olds:	M/W	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
	T/TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:45 PM - 3:15 PM
4 & 5 year olds:	M/W/F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
	T/TH/F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:45 PM - 3:15 PM
5 year olds:	M - F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**Fees:** A \$40 nonrefundable registration fee is due upon enrollment. It is used to provide supplies for your child.

- 3 & 4 year olds: \$85.00 per month, September - May
- 4 & 5 year olds: \$120.00 per month, September - May
- 5 year olds: \$155 per month, September to May

This program is affiliated with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (ELCA) and follows the Sioux Falls Public School District calendar of vacations and holidays.

**Additional Information:** Gloria Dei is located in a new, spacious facility with outdoor play, fenced-in yard, and a computer lab. Gloria Dei Preschool emphasizes caring Christian learning using a positive approach that builds confidence as well as individuality. The curriculum is inclusive of the following areas: Christian Learning, Physical Development, Arts and Expression, and Social/Emotional Development.

**St. Michael Preschool**  
1610 S. Marion Rd.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57106  
Phone: 361-0021

**Contact:** Lisa Huemoeller

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 year olds:	T/TH	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
4 & 5 year olds:	M/W/F	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
5 year olds:	M - F	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Fees:** Call for fees

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Preschool Teacher has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education with an emphasis in Child Life. The Preschool Educational Assistant has a Bachelor's Degree in Birth-Age 8 in Child and Family Studies and is Certified.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** All SFCS Preschool Programs feature developmentally appropriate instruction in a Christ-center program. Our dedicated teachers are fully certified and our student-teacher ratios are well within State Guidelines. Student's growth is fostered in a creative, faith filled, and nurturing learning environment.

**Additional Information:** Key components of the Preschool Curriculum include: Pre-readiness/Readiness skills, Fine and Gross Motor Skill Development and Practice, Language Skill Development, Art, Computer/Technology, Music Exploration, Faith Development, and Social Interaction. Extended Learning is available for hours when not in preschool.

**Extended Learning:** Students may stay at school during hours opposite of Preschool Class for an additional fee.

**References Available Upon Request**

**St. Lambert Preschool**  
**St. Therese Site**  
**901 N. Tahoe Trail**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57103**  
**Phone: 338-7042**

**Contact:** Barbara Lockwood, Principal or Julia Paluch, School Secretary

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 year olds: T/TH 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
4 & 5 year olds: M/W/F 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Extended Learning and After School Care options available. Extended Learning is an optional, enriched child care program that provides onsite care beyond preschool hours. It is offered Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM. After School Care is also available until 6 PM Monday - Friday.

**Fees:** \$25 registration fee

3 & 4 year olds: \$860 per year  
4 & 5 year olds: \$1200 per year  
Payment plans available

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience:** Teachers have Degrees in Elementary/Early Childhood Education and have experience working with preschool age children. School Aides have several years of experience.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Preschool is a time of significant growth and exploration. The curriculum that we utilize addresses these key areas: Pre-readiness and Readiness skills. We help students learn colors, shapes, counting, patterns, the alphabet and letter sounds, fine and gross motor skills, language skill development, art, technology, music exploration, and faith development. Students are nurtured, and their growth is fostered in creative, faith filled and positive learning environments.

**Good News Preschool**  
**1800 S. Valley View Rd.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 362-6360**

**Contact:** Tammy Westergaard

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 year olds: T/TH 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
*(by Sept. 1st)* Cost \$85/month  
Preschool & Daycare \$135/week  
4 year olds: M/W/F 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:45 PM - 3:15 PM  
*(by Sept. 1st)* Cost \$115/month  
Preschool & Daycare \$135/week  
3 & 4 year olds: T/TH 12:45 PM - 3:15 PM  
Cost \$85/month  
Preschool & Daycare \$135/week

We offer transportation to and from pre-school for an additional fee.

2 Day wk \$30 one way/month \$55 round trip/month  
3 Day wk \$45 one way/month \$80 round trip/month

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education with a Reading Endorsement. Staff have Associate's Degrees in Early Childhood.

**Additional Information:** We make every effort to provide a caring, nurturing and learning environment for all children. We believe it is important for children to have developmentally appropriate activities. We provide small groups or classes with children divided according to age. Preschool is a separate part of our program. Education program is Biblically based. Bible stories are the basis for a weekly theme. Daily activities relate to the weekly Bible story as well as Language Development, Number Concepts, Reading Readiness, Music, Art, and Dramatic Play.

**High ~ Five Program (Kindergarten Readiness Program)**

1733 S. Sherman Ave.

Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Phone: 361-0301

**Contact:** Tara Foley**Ages Served:** Children who meet Kindergarten Eligibility but are not attending Elementary School or children who just miss the eligibility date to attend Kindergarten (children who turn five years by October 31st)**Days and Hours Available:**

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\*\*Extended hours are available. Call regarding your needs. Summer programming is available once your child has completed High-Five.

**Fees:** \$300/month (applies only to school year months only)

Extended Care: \$6/day

**Educational Background and Experience:** Director has B.S. in Elementary Education with Early Childhood Endorsement and a M.S. in Education with an emphasis in Leadership. Director has 11 years experience working with children.**Philosophy and Preschool Program:**

Goal 1: We provide a program structure conducive to learning and preparing children for kindergarten.

Goal 2: We provide a positive structure and positive support for children to ensure their success within a school setting.

Goal 3: We provide Christian-based enrichment activities, fieldtrips into the community, and other learning experiences that teach life skills necessary for a child to mature emotionally and socially.

Goal 4: We build positive, caring, and meaningful relationships between child and teacher.

High-Five Program will teach children to:

- Be a good listener and communicator
- Be responsible
- Follow directions and develop good manners
- Experience and master gross motor and fine motor skills
- Have the confidence to enter kindergarten!

**St. Lambert Preschool****St. Lambert Site****1000 S Bahnson Ave****Sioux Falls, SD 57103****Phone: 338-7042****Contact:** Barbara Lockwood, Principal or Deb Wilka, School Secretary**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds**Days and Hours Available:**

3 &amp; 4 year olds: T/TH 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

4 &amp; 5 year olds: M/W/F 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Extended learning and after school care options available. Extended learning is an optional, enriched child care program that provides onsite care beyond preschool hours. It is offered Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM. After school care is also available until 6 PM Monday - Friday.

**Fees:** \$25 registration fee

3 &amp; 4 year olds: \$825 per year

4 &amp; 5 year olds: \$1135 per year

Payment plans available

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience:** Teachers have degrees in Elementary/Early Childhood Education and experience working with preschool age children. School aids have several years of experience.**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Preschool is a time of significant growth and exploration. The curriculum that we utilize addresses these key areas: Pre-readiness and Readiness Skills. We help students learn colors, shapes, counting, patterns, the alphabet and letter sounds, fine and gross motor skills, language skill development, art, technology and music exploration, and faith development. Students are nurtured and their growth is fostered in creative, faith filled and positive learning environments.

**St. Katharine Drexel Preschool**  
**1800 S. Katie Avenue**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 275-6994**

**Contact:** Lisa Huemoeller

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 year olds: T/TH 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
4 & 5 year olds: M/W/F 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
5 year olds: M - F 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Fees:** Call for fees

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Preschool Teacher has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education with an emphasis in Child Life. The Preschool Educational Assistant has a Bachelor's Degree in Birth-age 8 in Child and Family Studies and is certified.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** All SFCS Preschool Programs feature developmentally appropriate instruction in a Christ-center program. Our dedicated teachers are fully certified and our student-teacher ratios are well within state guidelines. Student's growth is fostered in a creative, faith filled, and nurturing learning environment.

**Additional Information:** Key components of the Preschool Curriculum include: Pre-readiness/Readiness skills, Fine and Gross Motor Skill Development and Practice, Language Skill Development, Art, Computer/Technology, Music Exploration, Faith Development, and Social Interaction. Extended Learning is available for hours when not in preschool.

**Extended Learning:** Students may stay at school during hours opposite of preschool class for an additional fee.

**References Available Upon Request**

**Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool**  
**1300 S Sertoma Ave**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 362-1947 [www.holycrosslutheranchurch.org](http://www.holycrosslutheranchurch.org)**

**Contact:** Tammi Dickman

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 year olds T/TH 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
*(This session is designed for those who will be 3 by Sept. 1)*  
4 & 5 year olds M/W/F 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
*(This session is designed for those who will be 4 by Sept. 1)*  
Pre-K Program M-TH 12:45 PM - 3:15 PM  
*(This session is designed for those who will be 5 between April 1-Nov 1)*

**Fees:** \$50 Registration Fee (If you cancel before July 1st, \$25 will be refunded. After July 1st, it is not refundable)  
3 & 4 year olds: \$85/month  
4 & 5 year olds: \$120/month  
Pre-K Program: \$160/month

**Educational Background and Experience:** Director has BA in Elementary Education as was a CDA (Child Development Associate's Degree)

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool is committed to providing the children of Holy Cross and the Community with an educational, Christian-based preschool program. Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool believes each child is a precious gift from God molded into the unique individual that he/she is. We offer children an equal opportunity to develop life-long skills through the word of God, developmentally appropriate activities in the classroom environment. Children are actively involved in their learning process through structured play, interaction with others, various teaching approaches, with the opportunity to make individual choices. Together with families, we provide a strong foundation for your preschooler's further faith and education.

**Holy Spirit School**  
Preschool, Kindergarten JumpStart & Extended Learning  
4309 S. Bahnson Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103  
Phone: 605-371-1481

**Contact Person:** Carol Loeffelholz or Roxi Johnson

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Day and Hours Available:**

Preschool:	M/W/F	7:45 AM - 10:45 PM or 11:45 PM - 2:45 PM
	T/TH	7:45 AM - 10:45 PM or 11:45 PM -2:45 PM
Jumpstart:	M - F	11:45 AM - 2:45 PM
Extended Learning:	M - F	7:45 AM - 2:45 PM

**Fees:** Call for fees

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience:** All Preschool Teachers and Director have Early Childhood Degrees. All staff are also Certified. All Pre-school Staff also have a College Degree. The Director is a Committee Member for writing South Dakota standards for Preschool.

**Additional Information:** The Mission of our Program is to form a Community of Faith and Learning by promoting a Catholic way of life through Gospel Values and Academic Excellence. Our Philosophy is for the children to explore and experience learning in a fun and safe environment. We provide activities for children to develop Physically, Academically, and Spiritually.

We encourage parents to become involved in classroom activities and field trips.

References are available on request.

**Southern Hills Preschool**  
3400 E 49th St  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103  
Phone: 371-8770

**Contact:** Brandi Inglis

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

M - F: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Full time and part time preschool available.

**Fees:** Full Time - \$140 per week  
Part Time Rates Vary

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Preschool Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, Kindergarten, Reading and Technology. She continues her education with over 40 training hours yearly and has begun work on her Master's Degree. Her roll in the program includes co-teaching the Preschool Class. She has been in the child care field for 8 years and has been with the Southern Hills Program since it began. Preschool teachers undergo continual education with monthly training hours. They have education and experience in teaching.

**Additional Information:** Southern Hills Preschool offers a progressive curriculum that reflects Biblical values. Our preschool is an exciting learning environment that will help to prepare students for kindergarten and instill a love for learning. The unique curriculum focuses Bible Learning, Social/Emotional Development, Verbal and Linguistic Skills, Artistic Creativity, Social Studies, Science and Nature, Logic and Mathematics, and Physical and Kinesthetic Movement.

Please call or stop in for a tour. Our program has the well trained staff and great activities that are usually seen in a larger program but the individual attention and personal touch that you'd expect in a smaller program. You will be glad you came for a visit!

**References Available Upon Request**

**Sioux Falls Lutheran Preschool**  
**308 W. 37th**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57105**  
**Phone: 335-1923**

**Contact:** Sandy Tams

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

**Preschool Central-308 W. 37th St.**

3 year olds: T/TH 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM or 12:45 PM - 3:15 PM  
4 year olds: M/W/F 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM or 12:45 PM - 3:15 PM  
5 year olds: M-F 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM

**Preschool East-2600 S. Sycamore Ave**

3 year olds: T/TH 9:15 - 11:45 AM  
4 year olds: M/W/F 9:15 - 11:45 AM

**Fees:** 3 year olds: \$84.45/month for an Association Member or \$98.88/  
month for a Non-Association Member  
4 year olds: \$111.11/month for an Association Member or \$130.55/  
month for a Non-Association Member  
5 year olds: \$150.55/month for an Association Member or \$195.55/  
month for a Non-Association Member, 5 yr olds  
(9 months - September through May)

**Educational Background and Experience:** Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with an Endorsement in Preschool. Director also has a Master's Degree in Administration. All teachers have Bachelor's Degrees as well.

**Additional Information:** Before and After School Program is available. We are accredited with the State of South Dakota. Program has been operating over 25 years. Preschool is a place where young children learn as they play with other children and adults. Our curriculum is designed to capitalize on your child's curiosity by supplying sufficient experiences to promote the child's development. Jesus is the center of our preschool. References are available on request.

**Kidz Club Preschool - *A Strong Start Partner with the SF School District***  
**3113 S. Lyndale Ave.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57105**  
**Phone: 334-6529**

**Contact:** Nancy Ocampo  
www.kidzclubpreschool@msn.com

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

**Session 1:** M - F 8:30 AM - 11:30 PM Serving children from the S - W part of town if transportation is needed (additional cost)  
**Session 2:** M - F 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Serving children from the N - E part of town if transportation is needed (additional cost)

**Educational Background and Experience:** Director has a Bachelor's Degree from Augustana College and has worked in a variety of education settings in the past 13 years. All staff are committed to the development and welfare of the children exemplified through their specialized training. Staff are required to have their Education Degree, CDA & Praxis Exam, or Early Childhood Endorsement.

**Quality:** Strong Start, an Early Childhood Head Start Program, City Licensed, State Registered, CPR, First Aid, Research Based Curriculum, fenced yard, age appropriate activities, implementation of the SD Early Learning Guidelines, field trips, balanced meals, a lot of TLC.

**Child Development:** Children are engaged in active learning in a positive environment. This unique school is a Home-Based Professional Center, catering to children ages 3-5. The curriculum methods and focus is the same used in the SF school district which makes the continuum into kindergarten smooth. We don't just hand out worksheets and attempt to teach the children. We interact individually with the children to meet their specific educational needs based on their personal interests. Learning takes place in a natural play environment. Children engage in genuine participation and active learning. A variety of learning styles, methods, techniques, reinforcement, and materials are used to enhance appropriate child development.

**Philosophy:** The children today are the future leaders of tomorrow. All children deserve a chance at quality education in a safe and supportive age appropriate environment. Our educational focus is on the whole child, supporting their Individual, Social, Emotional, Physical, and Intellectual needs.

## Little Country Preschool

5001 E. Madison St.

Sioux Falls, SD 57110

Phone: 254-3908

<http://www.littlecountryschool.net>

**Contact:** Roxanne Patzlaff

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

### Days and Hours Available:

3/4 year olds: T/TH 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

4/5 year olds: M/W/F 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**Fees:** \$40 registration fee

3 year olds: \$95.00 per month

4 & 5 year olds: \$125.00 per month

**Educational Background and Experience:** Roxanne has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education/Special Education/Early Childhood.

Endorsement: Early Childhood Special Education and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration with 24 years teaching experience in a variety of areas in the Sioux Falls School District.

### Philosophy and Preschool Program:

**Learn:** Children are avid learners and the development of a child is very important especially in the early years. The learning that takes place between the ages of 3 and 5 is critical to a child's educational and spiritual development.

**Play:** Providing a positive play setting where children can explore their surroundings encouraging them to problem solve, invent, communicate, interact, investigate, and understand.

**Grow:** At Little Country Preschool, children will grow academically and spiritually through learning and play.

**Additional Information:** If you would like to attain more information, or learn about Little Country Preschool, contact us at [www.littlecountryschool.net](http://www.littlecountryschool.net) and see what other parents have to say about Little Country Preschool. You can also email Roxanne at [rrpatzlaff@aol.com](mailto:rrpatzlaff@aol.com)

**References Available Upon Request.**

## Sioux Falls Christian Preschool

6120 S. Charger Ave.

Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Phone: 334-1422

**Contact:** Lana Bornitz or Michelle Korn

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

### Days and Hours Available:

3 & 4 year olds: T/TH 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

4 & 5 year olds: M/W/F 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

M/T/TH 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**Fees:** 3 & 4 year olds: \$84/month for 2 days per week

4 & 5 year olds: \$109/month for 3 days per week

**Educational Background and Experience:** Lana has her Master's degree in Elementary Education along with many years of experience. Michelle has her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood with many years of experience. Our Preschool staff all have College Degrees and many years of experience..

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Our mission is to provide quality Christian education for families who desire Christ-centered academic training for their child. With God's Word as our foundation, we are committed to educational excellence. We will strive to develop each child's Spiritual, Social, Physical, and Academic potential in a loving community of Christian faith. Our vision is that each child learn to live for Christ daily and experience the joy of life - long service for Him. We give children many hands on experiences. Pre-Kindergarten skills are introduced.

**Additional Information:** Starting in the fall of 2008, PK-12 will all be housed at the same location: 6120 S. Charger Ave.

Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Phone: 334-1422

We also offer extended daycare for Preschoolers so they can stay at school all day.

Visit our website at [www.siouxfallschristian.org](http://www.siouxfallschristian.org).

**Shalom Lutheran Preschool**  
1000 Maple St.  
P.O. Box 37  
Harrisburg, SD 57032  
Phone: 767-5382

**Contact:** Pam Bartels

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 year olds: T/TH 9:00 AM - 11:30 PM  
4 & 5 year olds: M/W/F 9:00 AM - 11:30 PM

**Fees:** T/TH class: \$82/month (\$738/year)  
M/W/F class: \$115/month (\$1035/year)  
\*There is a \$35 nonrefundable registration fee.

**Educational Background and Experience:** The director currently holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Special Education and a Master's degree in Special Education from Augustana College. She has 8 years of teaching experience in Special Education and has been the Director of Educational Ministries at Shalom Lutheran Church for 2 years. The Preschool Teacher has a Teaching Certificate with a degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Dakota State. She has been at Shalom Lutheran Preschool for one year. The Teacher's Assistant has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Northwestern in Orange City, IA. She has 3 years of classroom experience and 10 years of home schooling her children. She has been with Shalom Lutheran Preschool for 1 year.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** The philosophy of Shalom Lutheran Preschool is that children of the preschool will be provided a Faith-based Education that fosters play as its basis. Activities will be developmentally appropriate and classes will focus on skills that will better prepare each child for their educational future.

**Noah's Ark Preschool; Brandon Lutheran Church**  
600 East Holly Blvd/P.O. Box 320  
Brandon, SD 57005  
Phone: 582-3401

**Contact:** Nancy Boyle

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

M/W/F 8:45 AM - 11:15 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
T/TH 8:45 AM - 11:15 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**Fees:** 2 day program: \$35 registration fee; \$80 monthly fee.  
3 day program: \$40 registration fee; \$110 monthly fee

**Educational Background and Experience:** Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Special Education and a Master's Degree in Education/Leadership with 20 years of experience. Our Teaching Assistant has a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Elementary Education, 10 years of teaching experience, and 3 years of After School Ministry experience.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** The mission of Noah's Ark Preschool is to provide for children to grow Spiritually, Socially, Physically and Mentally. We encourage parents to volunteer in the classroom.

**References Available Upon Request**

**Peace Lutheran Preschool****5509 W. 41st Street****Sioux Falls, SD 57106****Phone: 361-3683 ext. 18 / 339-2027 (Home)****Contact:** Susan Olsen**Ages Served:** 3 -5 year olds**Days and Hours Available:**

3 year olds:	T/TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
4 & 5 year olds:	M/W/F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
3, 4, & 5 year olds:	T/TH	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**Fees:** \$75 to \$95 per month plus \$40 registration fee**Regulations:** Teachers are Certified with the State Department of Education.**Additional Information:** This is a 9 month program, September - May, that operates with the school year.

Children learn through hands-on activities and through play. Each child is valued as an individual and learns in his/her own way. We are eager that the first school experience will be a positive, happy one. How a child learns to feel and think about one's self and surroundings during the early years of life will strongly influence his/her self image. We also have Bible Stories and worship time. Our Assistants are all experienced in working with young children.

**References Available Upon Request****Saint Mary Preschool****2001 S 5th Avenue****Sioux Falls, SD 57105****Phone: 334-9881****Contact:** Courtney Tielke**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 year olds:	2, 3, 4 or 5 half days each week
	M - F 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
5 year olds:	3, 4 or 5 half days each week
	M-F 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Extended care and learning is also available.

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Fees:** Call for fees

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience:** Preschool is taught by Certified and Specialized Instructors. Aides have extensive background and experience with Early Childhood Education.**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** To form a Community of Faith and Learning by promoting a Catholic way of life through Gospel Values and Academic Excellence. This is evident daily in our preschool. Our Preschool has low student to teacher ratios in an enriched environment. The preschool features developmentally appropriate instruction in a Christ-centered program.**Additional Information:** We have a quality, dynamic, and individualized program. Our Community of Learning is positive and nurturing.**References Available Upon Request**

**Rustic Hills Community Church Preschool**  
4500 Fernwood Dr.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103  
Phone: 371-1733

**Contact:** Kimberly Mayer

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

M/W/F 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
T/TH 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**Fees:** Two days - \$90 per month  
Three days - \$120 per month

Limited van transportation is available. Please call for additional information.

**Education Background and Experience:** The director has served on the Preschool Board for many years and has been an Educational Assistant in grade school. The Preschool Teachers have an Early Childhood Degree and 6 years experience. Educational Assistants have many years of experience.

**Additional Information:** Preschool is a outreach of our church. We offer preschool with both an educational and Christian program. Chapel is where we can touch the basics of our Christian faith. Tuesday and Thursday there are no afternoon classes starting September 2009 and we will no longer provide Van Service in September 2009.

**References available upon request**

**Playtime Preschool**  
2001 S. Elmwood Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
Phone: 940-0582

**Contact:** Shantel Wittstruck

**Ages Served:** 2 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

M-F	FT Preschool and Daycare	7:30 AM - 5:30 PM
M/W/F	3 Day Preschool	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
T/Th	2 Day Preschool	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**Fees:** Full time - \$115/week      Part time - \$85/week  
3 Day Preschool - \$115/mo      2 Day Preschool - \$85/mo  
\*Preschool fee is included in weekly FT and PT rates

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Preschool Director has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education with over 40 hours of training yearly. She has been teaching and working with children for over 8 years.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Our goal is to have fun while we work on Social Skills like Sharing, Respect, Developing Friendships, Following Directions, and Working Together. We work on Large and Small Motor skills as well as many Pre-reading and Pre-math skills. The children work on other Concepts such as Opposites, Rhymes, Patterns, Music, Science, and Art. We will also practice Food and Nutrition Skills. We will learn new languages such as German, Spanish, and Sign Language.

Playtime Preschool provides a safe, nurturing environment where children have a chance to learn, discover, explore, and have fun! We are committed to providing children in our community with an excellent preschool and childcare education in a safe, loving, creative environment.

**Precious People Preschool**  
5000 S. Birchwood Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108  
Phone: 339-3850

**Contact:** Brandy Thompson

**Ages Served:** Open to ages 4+

**Days and Hours Available:**

Full-time child care is available M - F from 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM. Preschool is taught M -F from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

**Fees:** \$135 per week including all day childcare

**Educational Background and Experience:** Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a Minor in Early Childhood Education. Director is also a Certified Teacher and has taught for 9 years.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** This is an in-home preschool designed to meet all the needs of your pre-kindergarten child. The goal is to provide a broad spectrum curriculum to the children that prepares them for the Kindergarten experience. Lessons and activities are offered and prepared in all subject areas. We also take weekly field trips

This is a daycare and preschool. Director takes younger children but does employ a full-time assistant to work with younger children during preschool. No need to worry about transportation. Everything is right here! Facility has been designed and finished in entire basement of house to meet needs of children and their education.

**Risen Savior Lutheran Preschool**  
505 North Carla  
Tea, SD 57064  
Phone: 498-5050  
[www.risensaviorpreschool.com](http://www.risensaviorpreschool.com)

**Contact:** Aimee Moeller

**Ages served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

4 - 5 yr. M/W/F	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:15 PM - 3:15 PM
3 - 4 yr. T/TH	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:45 PM - 3:15 PM

**Fees:** 2 days per week - \$70/month

3 days per week - \$100/month

Non-refundable preschool registration fee - \$50

**Educational Background and Experience:** Preschool Teacher has been an Aide and Teacher for 8 years, and has been at this Preschool for 5 years. The Preschool has one Aide to assist in teaching.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** The focus of our Early Childhood Program is to create a caring environment which fosters Faith Formation and Educational Excellence. Here, children can develop to their fullest potential Physically, Emotionally, Socially, Intellectually and Spiritually.

**References Available Upon Request**