



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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14th St. Learning Center - Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, Community-Based Head Start, and Starting Strong (Pre-K Pilot)
824 E. 14th St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
605-338-8061

Contact: Joleen Thompson

Ages Served: Birth - 12

Days and Hours Available:

6:30 AM - 6:00 PM, Monday - Friday

Fees: Please call 338-8061

Philosophy and Preschool Program: Youth Enrichment Services' Early Childhood programs provide year-round, licensed, safe and educational preschool with the option of wrap-around childcare for three and four year olds. The program utilizes *The Creative Curriculum for Preschool*, a nationally recognized program recommended by the SD Department of Education. The daily Early Childhood Education routine offers developmentally appropriate programming that includes: journaling and fine motor skills development, circle time, literacy and math group times and large motor activities. Centers emphasize creative art, sensory motor, story time, science, and dramatic play. YES Early Childhood Education partners with the Sioux Falls School District Head Start Program to provide Head Start services for preschool age children whose families are considered eligible according to Head Start Guidelines. Community-based Head Start is a full-time federal program that helps ready children for school, emphasizing each child's developmental skills. The program also offers wrap-around child care in accordance with the Sioux Falls Early Childhood Programs. Community-based Head Start uses the *High Scope* curriculum, offering art, dramatic play, library, writing, manipulatives, blocks and recall times.

Celebration United Methodist Church, The - Brandon Preschool
500 Pasque Flower Trail
Brandon, SD 57005
605-338-8061

Contact: Joleen Thompson

Ages Served: 3 years - Kindergarten

Days and Hours Available:

7:30 AM - 6:00 PM, Monday - Friday

Fees: Please call 338-8061

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Strengthening individuals, families, and community by bridging people with resources and support.

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 opportunities.

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

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/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 - TH, 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 ratios are set low so teachers have the opportunity to observe, play, clarify or correct misconceptions.

Additional Information: Outdoor play, gym, fenced in yard

References available on request.

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

Contact: Stephanie Wilson

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 - 3:00 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.

Philosophy and Preschool Program: All SFCS preschool programs feature developmentally appropriate instruction in a Christ-centered program. Student growth is fostered in a creative, faith-filled and nurturing learning environment.

Additional Information: Our preschool program includes pre-readiness and readiness skills, fine and gross motor development and practice, language skill development, art, computers, music exploration, faith development and social interaction. Extended learning is optional.

References available upon request.

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

Contact: Dawn Walker

Ages Served: 3 - 4 year olds

Days and Hours Available:

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

Fees: \$155/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.

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:	Friday	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	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 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/month

3 Year Olds: \$90.00/month

3 Day 4 & 5 Year Olds: \$130.00/month

4 Day 4 & 5 Year Olds: \$165.00/month

Pre-K: \$185.00/month

Kindergarten: \$210.00/month

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: Our objective is to prepare children for Kindergarten in a safe, Christian environment. We provide a caring environment and in us you will find a loving start to your child's educational experience. We share the message of salvation through Jesus Christ with children and teach them in a way that is consistent with God's word.

References available upon request.

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 or M/W/ F 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 - \$122/month tuition

3 day - \$152/month tuition

Each class has a \$100 registration/curriculum fee

Regulations: Registration starts January 1st. Classes are limited to 9 students/teacher with a total capacity of 81 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.

Eastside Learning Center - Early Childhood Education - Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten
700 S. Sneve Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Contact: Kris Heeren

Days and Hours Available:

6:30 AM - 6:00 PM, Monday - Friday

Fees: Please call 339-2095

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Tea Sprouts Preschool
131 N. Poplar Avenue
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: \$80.00/month

M/W/F: \$105.00/month

M/T/W/TH: \$120.00/month

There is a \$30 non-refundable registration fee per family.

Educational Background and Experience: The Director and Lead Teacher 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 10 years experience. Teaching aides have 6 years and 2 years 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 Mrs. Brinkman's website: <http://as021.k12.sd.us> or email Amanda at teasproutspreschool@yahoo.com.

References available upon 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.

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

Contact: Molly Wilson

Ages Served: 2-5 year olds

Days and Hours Available:

2 year olds: Parent and Me - Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

3 year olds: T/TH - 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

3 - 4 year olds: M/W/F - 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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

5 year olds: M - F- 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Fees:

Fees range from \$75 - \$255/month

Educational background and Experience: Molly has both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. She completed research in Italy related to preschool education. Preschool teachers have a Bachelor's degree and assistant teachers are either enrolled in a Bachelor's program or have a CDA.

Philosophy and Preschool Program: Our goal is to foster a love of learning in each child. Through developmentally appropriate activities, children are given opportunities to explore, ask questions, discover and be creative in a warm, nurturing classroom. We believe in a blended balance between academics and play.

References available upon request.

First Adventure Learning Center
4003 W. Benson Rd.
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
Phone: 254-4469 or 274-8767

Contact: Jessie Holte

Ages Served: 2 to 6

Days and Hours of Preschool Program:

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Daycare is open 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Staff/child ratio: 1/8

Fees:

5 Days is \$132/week

4 Days is \$122/week

3 Days is \$112/week

2 Days is \$64/week

Educational Background and Experience: The preschool teacher has a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Development. She has a few years of hands-on-experience working in a classroom with preschoolers. Preschool staff are required to have a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood, CDA or an Associates in Early Childhood.

Philosophy and Preschool Program: Our goal as a preschool is to help prepare your child for Kindergarten. If your child is in the 3 year old preschool program we are working to prepare them for the 4 year old preschool and if they are in the 4 year old preschool program we are preparing them for Kindergarten. Our program is designed to work closely with parents and children. We keep our staff to child ratios at a place where all children can succeed. Our environment is clean, safe and well structured.

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 enrichment - Wrap around care: 11:45 AM - 3:15 PM

Before/after school care: 6:45 AM - 9:00 AM and 3:15 PM - 6:00 PM

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

Preschool enrichment - wrap around care: 11:45 AM - 3:15 PM

Before/after school care: 6:45 AM - 9:00 AM and 3:15 PM - 6:00 PM

Fees: 3 year olds: \$88.66/month for an association member or \$103.89/month for a non-association member
4 year olds: \$116.66/month for an association member or \$137.22/month for a non-association member
5 year olds: \$158.33/month for an association member or \$205.56/month for a non-association member
(9 months - September through May)
Preschool Enrichment - \$12.50 a day for 3.5 hours
Before/After School is \$2.45/Hour

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 preschool teachers have a B.A. in Education and are certified teachers.

Additional Information: We teach academics the way young children learn; through hands on, play based curriculum. We now have "wrap around" care. Children can stay all day on their preschool days at the central location. At our East locations, children can come all day 2, 3 or 5 days a week. References are 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: \$91/month for 2 days per week
4 & 5 year olds: \$125/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.

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

Visit our website at www.siouxfallschristian.org.

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: 2 days/week: \$90/month
3 days/week: \$120/month
4 days/week: \$150/month
5 days/week: \$200/month - Pre-Kindergarten

Educational Background and Experience: Preschool director has a BA in Elementary Education with a Kindergarten endorsement. The Director has been the Director of 1st Baptist Children's Center for 8 years and the Director of the preschool for 4 years. All teachers have a Bachelor's degree in Education or a related field.

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: Parents are required to volunteer in the classroom. We offer before and after care for preschoolers. Children must be potty-trained.

References available upon request.

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: \$90.00 per month, September - May
- 4 & 5 year olds: \$125.00 per month, September - May
- 5 year olds: \$160 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.

Educational Background and Experience: The preschool director has a BA in Elementary Education with 20 years experience in early childhood/preschool children. All staff members have a BA or BS in Education.

Additional Information: Gloria Dei is located in a 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, weekly music classes and Social/Emotional Development.

References available upon request.

Shalom Lutheran Preschool
1000 Maple St.
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 from Augustana College. She has eight years of teaching experience in Special Education and has been the Director of Educational Ministries at Shalom Lutheran Church for almost four years. We have two teachers who both hold SD teaching certificates. One has a degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Dakota State. She has been at Shalom Lutheran Preschool for two years. Our other preschool teacher has a degree in Early Childhood Education and endorsements in Kindergarten and Early Childhood Special Education from SDSU. She has been with Shalom Lutheran Preschool for one year. Our teacher assistants vary in their backgrounds. One has been a former teacher, another has a nursing background and another has been a home daycare provider

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.

References available upon request.

Saint 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
3 - 5 year olds: M - F 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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

Good News Children's Center
1800 S. Valley View Rd.
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
Phone: 362-6360 extension 8

Contact: Tammy Westergaard

Days and Hours Available:

T/TH 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Cost \$85/month

M/W/F 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Cost \$115/month

Preschool & Daycare \$135/week

Educational Background and Experience: The Director has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with Early Childhood and Reading Endorsements. Other staff have a BA in Elementary Education.

Additional Information: A child develops mentally, physically, spiritually, socially and emotionally. We are committed to providing biblically-based, age appropriate experiences in a small group setting allowing each child to progress in these areas at his/her own level or ability while enjoying success. This is primarily done through hands-on activities in learning centers and positive Christ-like role modeling of staff. The Children's Center also offers transportation to and from preschool. The transportation boundaries are 12th St. to the North, 57th St. to the South, Marion Road to the East and Tea/Ellis Road to the West.

References available upon request.

Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool
1300 S Sertoma Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
Phone: 362-1947 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 and 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 by developmentally appropriate activities in the classroom environment. Children are actively involved in their learning process through structured play, interaction with others and 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.

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.

Saint Lambert Preschool
Saint Therese Site
901 N. Tahoe Trail
Sioux Falls, SD 57103
Phone: 338-7042 or 575-3358

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
5 year olds:	M - F	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Saint Lambert Site)

Extended learning and after school care options available. Extended learning is an optional, enriched child care program that provides onsite care beyond pre-school 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: \$800/year
4 & 5 year olds: \$1200/year
5 year olds: \$2000/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. Teacher assistants have several years of experience in education.

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. Community, faith and excellence are the cornerstone of our quality programs. Tours are available and encouraged. Contact the school office.

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 preschool 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.

Hope Care Pre-School (Kindergarten Readiness Program)

1733 S. Sherman Ave.

Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Phone: 361-0301

Contact: Rich Merkouris

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 - 2:00 PM

Extended care is available from 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Fees: \$100/Week for Preschool, \$25/Week for Extended Care

Educational Background and Experience: Director has a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood. The Director provides the majority of teaching and the assistant teacher is a college student.

Philosophy and Preschool Program:

Help each child develop the necessary skills to enter Kindergarten through a positive structure conducive to learning. We will teach children to be a good listener and communicator, be responsible, follow directions, master gross motor and fine motor skills, have confidence to enter Kindergarten. Parent/teacher conferences are held twice in order to facilitate the best education for each child.

References available upon request.

Saint Lambert Preschool

Saint Lambert Site

1000 S Bahnson Ave

Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Phone: 338-7042 or 575-3358

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

5 year olds: M - F 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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: \$800/year

4 & 5 year olds: \$1200/year

5 year olds: \$2000/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. Teacher assistants have several years of experience in education.

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. Community, faith and excellence are the cornerstones of our quality programs.

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

Contact: Katie Kerkvliet

Ages Served: 3-5 year olds

Days and Hours Available:

3 & 4 year olds:	T/TH	7:45 AM - 11:45 AM
4 & 5 year olds:	M/W/F	7:45 AM - 11:45 AM
5 year olds:	M - F	11:45 AM - 2:45 PM

Fees: The fee for the 2010 - 11 School Year is \$800/year for two half day/week or \$1200/year for 3 half days/week. Students may stay at school during hours opposite of preschool class for an additional fee.

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 (birth to age 8) with a Kindergarten endorsement. The school's principal has an Elementary Education degree and a Master's degree in Education Leadership. One educational assistant has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with 12 years teaching experience. The other assistant has counseling and childcare experience.

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 and STRETCH club are offered till 6:00 PM for an additional fee.

References available upon 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 and see what other parents have to say about Little Country Preschool. You can also email Roxanne at rrpatzlaff@aol.com**References available upon request.****Rustic Hills Community Church Preschool****4500 Fernwood Dr.****Sioux Falls, SD 57103****Phone: 371-3711****Contact:** Kimberly May**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds**Days and Hours Available:**

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

M/W/F 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

M/W/F 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Fees: Two days for 3 year olds - \$95/month

Three days for 4 and 5 year olds - \$125/month

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

Education Background and Experience: The Director has served on the board for many years. The Director has had hands on experience in the classroom as an educational assistant. The preschool teacher has an Early Childhood degree along with 10 years experience. The educational assistant has many years of classroom experience.**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** In our preschool we want to provide a safe, loving, educational program that we can provide as an outreach for children in the area.**Additional Information:** Our staff of teachers are a testament for any child that wants to learn. If there is a challenge, they do anything they can to provide a solution. They are committed to the program and each and every child that comes to the preschool.**References available upon request.**

**River Crossing Childcare Center - Early Childhood Education -
Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten**
5015 S. Crossing Place
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
605-334-1133

Contact: Rebecca Wimmer

Ages Served: 3 years - Kindergarten

Days and Hours Available:
5:40 AM - 6:30 PM, Monday - Friday

Fees: Please call 334-1133

Philosophy and Preschool Program: Youth Enrichment Services' Early Childhood programs provide year-round, licensed, safe and educational pre-school with the option of wrap-around childcare for three and four year olds. The program utilizes *The Creative Curriculum for Preschool*, a nationally recognized program recommended by the SD Department of Education. The daily Early Childhood Education routine offers developmentally appropriate programming that includes: journaling and fine motor skills development, circle time, literacy and math group times and large motor activities. Centers emphasize creative art, sensory motor, story time, science, and dramatic play. YES Early Childhood Education partners with the Sioux Falls School District Head Start Program to provide Head Start services for preschool age children whose families are considered eligible according to Head Start Guidelines. Community-based Head Start is a full-time federal program that helps ready children for school, emphasizing each child's developmental skills. The program also offers wrap-around child care in accordance with the Sioux Falls Early Childhood Programs. Community-based Head Start uses the *High Scope* curriculum, offering art, dramatic play, library, writing, manipulatives, blocks and recall times.

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: \$50 registration fee; \$85 monthly fee.
3 day program: \$50 registration fee; \$115 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 21 years of experience. Our teaching assistant has a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Elementary Education, 11 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.

Past evaluation forms 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: \$80 to \$100 per month plus \$40 registration fee

Educational Background and Experience: The Director has a B.A. degree in Education with additional college credits in Early Childhood Education. She has a SD Preschool teaching certificate and 25 years experience teaching preschool. Teachers have a degree in Education and hold a SD teaching certificate plus several years experience teaching preschool children. Teaching assistant have several years experience working with preschool children.

Philosophy and Preschool Program: Children learn by doing hands on activities and through play. Through activities children explore, discover and experience their world. They learn readiness skills to prepare them for future learning. We also tell Bible stories. This preschool provides a positive and stimulating Christian environment that encourages growth in all areas of development: spiritual, social-emotional, physical and intellectual.

References available upon request.

Risen Savior Lutheran Preschool

505 North Carla

Tea, SD 57064

Phone: 498-5050

www.risensaviorpreschool.com

Contact: Holly Hank

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/week - \$70/month
 3 days/week - \$100/month
 Non-refundable preschool registration fee - \$50

Educational Background and Experience: The Director has an Elementary Education and Early Childhood diploma, is a mother, and has volunteered at Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. She also had a home daycare for 7 years. Other preschool staff includes a mother of four that has worked as a teachers aide for many years. She also taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

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.

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/week including all day child care

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.

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 and PT 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 - \$125/week Part time - \$95/week
3 Day Preschool - \$115/month 2 Day Preschool - \$85/month
*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 10 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.

References available upon request.