



# 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.

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).

#### ***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***

- 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

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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**Building Blocks Childcare and Learning Center**  
**1714 Frontier St.**  
**Brandon, SD 57005**  
**Phone: 605-582-5437**

**Contact:** Beth Hanna

**Ages Served:** 4 weeks to 12 years

**Days and Hours of Preschool Program:** We run all day every day preschool (with extended care hours) Monday - Friday.

**Fees:** Varies by days and ages.

Please see website: [www.buildingblocksbrandon.com](http://www.buildingblocksbrandon.com)

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** Our Preschool Director has an Elementary Education Degree from USD in 1998. She has 20 plus years in child care settings from assistant teacher to now owner/director. The preschool teacher has many years of experience in a child care setting and has an Early Childhood Degree from SDSU. The other preschool teacher was a public school teacher with a degree from Texas A & M.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the Preschool Program:** Our goal is to fully educate each and every child in a safe, loving, nurturing environment so that they are socially and intellectually ready to begin school.

**Additional Information:** We offer many extras to parents as we have two 65 passenger busses that we use for transporting to and from school, swim lessons and tons of field trips.

**References available upon request.**

**Central Baptist Preschool & Kindergarten**  
**3100 W. Ralph Rogers Rd.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 336-2303**

**Contact:** Melissa Ludens

**Ages Served:** 2 years 6 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 AM  
Afternoon Kindergarten: M and W, 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
Extended Care 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

**Fees:** Please visit our website [www.cbcschool.org](http://www.cbcschool.org) for more information.

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** The preschool director has an Elementary Education Degree with a Special Education Minor. She taught 1st grade for 8 years in a public school and has been the director for Central Baptist for 10 years. Head teachers all have 4 year degrees and assistant teachers have at least a high school diploma.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the 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:** Activities include outdoor play, gym, and fenced in yard.

**References available on request.**

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

**Contact:** Vickie Venhuizen

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

**Days and Hours Available:** Call to check availability.

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 and follows the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools school year calendar.

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** The preschool teacher has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She has been the head teacher for the past 14 years and was assistant teacher for 2 years prior to that.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the 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.**

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

**Contact:** Susan Even; susan.even@k12.sd.us

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds by September 1st, and Potty Trained

**Days and Hours Available with Tuition:**

Beginner—3 Years old	T/TH	8:45 - 11:15 AM	\$124/month tuition
	M/W/F	8:45 - 11:15 AM	\$154/month tuition
Pre-K - 4-5 years old	M/T/W/TH	12:30 - 3:00 PM	\$213/month tuition
	M/W/F	8:45 - 11:15 AM	\$154/month tuition
	M/W/F	12:30 - 3:00 PM	\$154/month tuition
	T/TH	12:30 - 3:00 PM	\$124/month tuition

**Fees:** Each class has a \$100 registration/curriculum fee and if paid by January 30th, it will be discounted to \$80. Registration starts January 1st for Fall Start.

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** Our principal has a masters and many years experience in the classroom. All of our teachers have an Elementary Education degree with Early Childhood Experience.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the Preschool Program:** The Christian Center Preschool offers a creative and nurturing learning environment that welcomes family involvement. We incorporate learning concepts in a relaxed small group atmosphere using developmentally appropriate teaching strategies and practices with attention to the needs and differences of the individual children enrolled. We foster curiosity, independence and a love for learning. All our sections of preschool include: Bible time, music, gym time, field trips, crafts, computer, 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.

**References available upon request.**

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

**Contact:** Molly Wilson

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

**Days and Hours Available:**

2 year olds, Parent and Me	W	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 of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** 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/or Goals of the 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 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 with Fees:**

2 Days Per Week	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	\$90/month
3 Days Per Week	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	\$125/month
4 Days Per Week	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	\$155/month
Pre-Kindergarten 5 Days Per Week	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$205/month

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** The 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 10 years and the Director of the preschool for 6 years. All teachers have a Bachelor’s Degree in Education or a related field.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the 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.**

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

**Contact:** Tammy Westergaard

**Ages Served:** 3 to 6 years old

**Days and Hours Available with Fees:**

3 - 4 year olds	T/TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	\$85/month
4 - 5 year olds	M/W/F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	\$120/month
Pre-K	M - F	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	\$195/month
Preschool & Daycare	M - F	6:30 AM - 6:00 PM	\$140/week

Reduced fees available for Preschool and Daycare for Part-Time attendance.

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** The Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with Early Childhood and Reading Endorsements with 3 years of classroom experience and 13 years of management experience. Other staff have a BA in Elementary Education and several years of preschool experience.

**Additional Information:** 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 of ability while enjoying success. This is primarily done through hands on activities in learning centers and Christ-like role modeling of the staff.

Transportation is available to and from preschool. Transportation boundaries are 12th Street to the North, 57th Street to the South, Ellis Road to the West and Marion Road to the East. Our Preschool Curriculum is based on the South Dakota Early Learning Guidelines.

**References available upon request.**

**Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool & Extended Care**  
**1300 S Sertoma Ave**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 951-1813**  
**[www.holycrosslutheranchurch.org](http://www.holycrosslutheranchurch.org)**

**Contact:** Tricia Murphy, [TriciaM@holycrosslutheranchurch.org](mailto:TriciaM@holycrosslutheranchurch.org)

**Ages Served:** 1-5 year olds. Class ages based on age by September 1st.

**Days and Hours Available with Fees:**

2 year olds	F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	\$40/month
3 - 4 year olds	M/W	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	\$90/month
3 - 4 year olds	T/TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	\$90/month
4 - 5 year olds	T/H	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	\$90/month
4 - 5 year olds	M/W/F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	\$125/month
Pre-K (4 year olds)	M/T/W/TH	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	\$165/month
Pre-K (5 year olds)	M/T/W/TH	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	\$165/month

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:**

The Director has a BA Degree in Early Childhood, K-2nd Grade Teaching Certificate, Kindergarten Endorsement and Early Childhood Special Education Endorsement. Preschool teachers have their CDA (Child Development Associate Degree), BA Degree in Early Childhood and/or related education degrees. Assistant Teachers have related education and/or experience working in childcare or Preschool setting.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the 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.

We also provide an extended-care program allowing childcare before and after preschool along with a small group of toddlers in extended-care. Summer camps are available for children who will be 3 by Sept. 1st through children who have completed kindergarten. Please call for extended-care and Summer Camp fees.

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

**Day and Hours Available:**

Preschool:	M/W/F	7:45 AM - 10:45 PM or 11:45 AM - 2:45 PM
	T/TH	7:45 AM - 10:45 PM
Jumpstart:	M - F	11:45 AM - 2:45 PM
Extended Learning:	M - F	7:45 AM - 2:45 PM, 7:45 AM - 11:45 PM 11:45 AM - 2:45 PM
After School Care:	M - F	2:45 PM - 6:00 PM

Flexible Summer care is available between 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM. The summer program is available to all Catholic Families. Snacks and lunch provided.

**Fees:** Call for fees

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** All preschool teachers and the 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  
1700 S. Cliff Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
Phone: 367-1108**

**Contact:** Karli Narum

**Ages Served:** 3 to 5 years old

**Days and Hours Available:** M-F 7:00 AM—6:00 PM

**Fees:** \$125.00—130.00 Per Week

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** The director holds a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education. Other staff hold Child Development Associate's Degrees, Bachelors Degrees and come to our Preschool with experience in childcare.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the Preschool Program:** Our goal is to provide a structure that allows children to grow academically, spiritually, emotionally and socially.

**References available upon request.**

**Hope Care Pre-K**  
**1733 S. Sherman Ave.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57105**  
**Phone: 335-3873**

**Contact:** Karli Narum

**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 Pre-K, \$25/week for Extended Care

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** The Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Other preschool staff hold college degrees and have teaching experience.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the Preschool Program:** Our philosophy is to 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 and to have the confidence to enter Kindergarten. Parent/teacher Conferences are held twice in order to facilitate the best education for each child.

**References available upon request.**

**KinderCollege and Jr. KinderCollege, YWCA**  
**3510 W. Ralph Rodgers Road**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57108**  
**Phone: 362-9438**

**Contact: Karla Johnson**

**Ages Served: 3—5 Years Old**

**Days and Hours Available:** Monday thru Friday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Fees: \$175.00**

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** The KinderCollege director has an associates degree, CDA and OST Certificate with over 20 years experience in tutoring and childcare. The Jr. KinderCollege Teacher is a certified elementary education teacher with over 20 years experience in early childhood. KinderCollege program assistants have elementary education degrees with five years experience in childcare.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the Preschool Program:** KinderCollege is an all-day, every day YWCA preschool program, that started in 2009. KinderCollege gives every child an opportunity to discover their potential. Our custom created, literature based curriculum focuses on individual learning and incorporates life-skill development. Using concepts first presented by Howard Garner, a Harvard Professor of Developmental Psychology, children have an opportunity to explore their world using their Multiple Intelligences. These seven intelligences teach children how to recognize their own strengths: bodily/kinesthetic, interpersonal, linguistic, logical/mathematical and musical.

There are two class options for KinderCollege enrollment:

**KinderCollege:** This class is for children who are one year from Kindergarten. Each class and learning activity centers around a story.  
Class Limit: 30 Students

**Jr. KinderCollege:** This class is for children who are at least three years old. In this program, children are engaged in a valuable play-based learning environment guided by a certified teacher, Instruction is inquiry based, meaning children discover answers to their questions with guidance by the teacher. Class limit: 10 Students.

**References available upon request.**

**Lutheran Social Services  
Childcare and Education Services  
3400 E. 49th St.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103  
Phone: 371-8770**

**Contact:** Brandi Flint

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 Years old

**Days and Hours Available with Fees:**

Full time:	M - F	7:00 AM—6:00 PM	\$148.00 / week
Half Day:			
4-5 Year olds:	M/W/F	9:00 AM—11:45 AM	\$35.00 / week
3-4 Year olds:	T/TH	9:00 AM—11:45 AM	\$26.00 / week

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** All preschool teachers have a Bachelor's Degree in the education field and experience. They also undergo continual education. The Preschool Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, Kindergarten and Reading Technology.

**Additional Information:** Our Preschool offers a progressive curriculum that reflects Biblical Values. We provide an exciting learning environment that will help to prepare students for Kindergarten and instill a love for learning. The unique curriculum focuses on social/emotional development, verbal and linguistic skills, artistic creativity, social studies, science and nature, logic and mathematics, physical and kinesthetic movement and Bible Learning.

**References available upon request.**



**Noah's Ark Preschool**  
**600 East Holly Blvd**  
**Brandon, SD 57005**  
**Phone: 582-3401**

**Contact:** Lanette Hendrickson, Director

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

**Days and Hours Available with Fees:**

3 and 4 year olds	T/TH	8:45 AM - 11:15 AM	\$90/month
4 and 5 years olds	M/W/F	8:45 AM - 11:15 AM or 12:45 PM - 3:15 PM	\$118/month

**Fees:** \$50.00 registration fee per family.

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** Both the director and the assistant director have Early Childhood Degree and seven plus years of experience working with preschool age children.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the Preschool Program:** The mission of Noah's Ark is to provide an early learning program that prepares each child for Kindergarten based on SD Early Learning Guidelines as well as providing opportunities for children to grow spiritually.

**Additional Information:** Noah's Ark is a mission of Brandon Lutheran Church. An Educational Advisory Board guides it with members of our congregation.

**References available upon request.**

**Peace Lutheran Preschool**  
**5509 W. 41st Street**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 361-3683 ext. 18**

**Contact:** Susan Olsen

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

**Days and Hours Available with Fees:**

3 year olds:	T/TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	\$85.00/month
4 & 5 year olds:	M/W/F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 AM	\$110.00/month
3, 4, & 5 year olds:	T/TH	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	\$85.00/month

**Fees:** \$40.00 registration fee

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** The Director has a B.A. Degree in Elementary Education with additional college credits in Early Childhood Education. She has a SD Preschool Teaching Certificate and over 25 years experience teaching preschool. Teachers have a degree in Education and hold a SD teaching certificate. They have several years experience teaching preschool children. Teaching assistants have experience working with preschool children.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the 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.

**Additional Information:** Peace Lutheran Preschool admits students of any race, color and national or ethnic origin.

**References available upon request.**

**Playtime Preschool and Childcare Center  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
2001 S. Elmwood Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
Phone: 940-0582**

**Contact:** Shantel Wittstruck

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

**Days and Hours Available:**

FT and PT Preschool and Daycare	M-F	6:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Morning Preschool	M-F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Afternoon Preschool	M-F	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**Fees:** Full time - \$125/week    Part time - \$95/week    Registration Fee - \$20  
5 Day Preschool - \$185/month  
4 Day Preschool - \$155/month  
3 Day Preschool - \$125/month  
\*Preschool fee is included in weekly FT and PT rates

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** 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. Preschool staff hold Bachelors degree in Elementary Education.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the Preschool Program:** Our Preschool program provides a rich classroom environment where children are encouraged to explore and are challenged to learn. 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. Our caring, experienced teachers are dedicated to providing a rich, nurturing environment that will prepare your child for kindergarten. We promote independence in an organized atmosphere, as it is increasingly important for children to be their own thinkers. We also teach children to work well within a group through listening, sharing and cooperation. 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. For more information, visit our website: [www.playtimepreschool.shutterfly.com](http://www.playtimepreschool.shutterfly.com)

**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:**

3 and 4 year olds    T/TH    8:30 AM - 11:30 AM    \$80/month

4 and 5 year olds    M/W/F    8:30 AM - 11:30 AM    \$110/month

Non-refundable preschool registration fee - \$50

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** 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/or Goals of the 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.**

**Rustic Hills Community Church Preschool**  
**4500 Fernwood Dr.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57110**  
**Phone: 371-1733**

**Contact:** Kimberly Mayer

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

**Days and Hours Available with Fees:**

3 year olds by August	T/TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	\$95/month
4 and 5 year olds	M/W/F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	\$125/month
4 and 5 year olds	M/W/F	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	\$125/month

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** 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 13 years experience.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the Preschool Program:** In our preschool we want to care for children's individual needs which would include the love of learning and the life of the Lord. We provide a happy and safe environment. We show healthy self-esteem, learn special skill development and most importantly, we have fun!

**Additional Information:** Our staff of teachers are a testament for any child that wants to learn. They are committed to the program and each and every child that comes to the preschool.

**References available upon request.**

**Saint Katharine Drexel Preschool**  
**1800 S. Katie Ave. Suite 2**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 275-6994**

**Contact:** Katie Kerkvliet, Principal

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

**Days and Hours Available:**

T/TH 7:45 AM - 10:45 AM Preschool for 3 year olds

M/W/F 7:45 AM - 10:45 AM Preschool for 4 year olds

M - F 11:45 Am - 2:45 PM Jumpstart Kindergarten for 5 year olds

M - F 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM Extended Learning and STRETCH Club

**Fees:** The fee for the 2012 - 2013 School Year is \$900/year for two half days/week or \$1340/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 of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:**

The preschool teacher has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, is working on her Master's Degree, and has 5 years experience. The majority of the other preschool staff have college degrees and all have experience in Early Childhood.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the 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:** The school was built in the Fall of 2008 to meet the growing needs of families on the West Side of Sioux Falls. Key components of the preschool curriculum include: pre-readiness/readiness skills, fine and gross motor skill development and practice and social interaction. There is an opportunity for outdoor play in a fenced in area. Extended Learning and STRETCH Club are offered till 6:00 PM for an additional fee. Classes start the middle of August. Sioux Falls Catholic Schools are accredited with the State of South Dakota.

Check out our website at [www.sfcss.org/skd](http://www.sfcss.org/skd).

Please call with any questions or to schedule a tour!

**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:** 3-6 year olds

**Days and Hours Available with Fees:**

3 & 4 year olds:	T/TH	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	\$980/year
4 & 5 year olds:	M/W/F	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	\$1340/year
5 year olds:	M - F	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	\$2220/year

\$50.00 registration fee, Payment plans available

Extended learning and after school care STRETCH Club 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. Before school care is available starting at 6:30 AM Monday - Friday. After school care is also available until 6 PM Monday - Friday.

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** 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/or Goals of the 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.

**References are available on 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	\$900/year
4 & 5 year olds	M/W/F	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	\$1340/year
5 year olds	M - F	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Saint Lambert Site)	\$2220/year

Payment plans available, \$25 registration fee

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This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** 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.

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



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

**Fees:** Call for fees

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** : Preschool is taught by certified and specialized instructors. Aides have extensive background and experience with Early Childhood Education.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the Preschool Program:** Our philosophy is to form a community of faith and learning by promoting a Catholic way of life through Gospel values and academic excellence. Classrooms are an enriched environment that provides developmentally appropriate instruction in a Christ-centered program. We have formal phonics/language arts, fine/gross motor, math and science instruction plus social development activities and playtime.

**Additional Information:** We have a quality, dynamic and successful program. Our community of learning is positive and nurturing.

**References available upon request.**

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

**Contact:** Lisa Huemoeller

**Ages Served:** 3 - 12 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 year olds	T/TH	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
4 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
3 - 5 year olds	M - F	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Fees:** Fees are broken down to the number of half days a child attends. The 2011-2012 fee per half day was \$40.00 per month.

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** The Head Preschool Teachers have Bachelor's Degrees in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education in addition to many years of experience. The preschool staff have college degrees and /or multiple years of experience with early childhood development.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the 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, 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. Our website is [www.sfcss.org](http://www.sfcss.org).

**References Available Upon Request**

**Sioux Falls Christian Preschool**  
**6120 S. Charger Ave.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57108**  
**Phone: 334-7397**

**Contact:** Matt Covey, Principal

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

**Days and Hours Available with Fees:**

3 & 4 year olds	T/TH	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	\$95/month
4 & 5 year olds	M/W/F	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	\$132/month
	M/T/TH	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	\$132/month

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** Matt Covey, Elementary Principal at Sioux Falls Christian has a BA in Education from the University of Sioux Falls and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Sioux Falls. He has many years of teaching experience and has been principal since 2005. All preschool teachers have Bachelor's Degrees/Master's Degrees in Education. All preschool aides have many years of experience.

**Philosophy and/or Goals of the 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 lifelong 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. Additionally, we have before and after school care available.

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

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

**Contact:** Sandy Tams

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

**Days and Hours Available:**  
**Preschool Central-308 W. 37th St.**

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

Preschool enrichment - Wrap around care: 11:15 AM - 3:15 PM  
Before/after school care: 6:45 AM - 8:30 AM and 3:15 PM - 6:00 PM

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

3 year olds	T/TH	8:45 AM - 11:15 AM
4 year olds	M/W/F	8:45 AM - 11:15 AM

Preschool enrichment - wrap around care: 11:15 AM - 3:15 PM  
Before/after school care: 6:45 AM - 8:30 AM and 3:15 PM - 6:00 PM

**Fees:**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Association Member</b>	<b>Non-Association Member</b>
3 year olds	\$96.78 per Month	\$110.67 per Month
4 year olds	\$127.44 per Month	\$146.34 per Month
5 year olds	\$172.88 per Month	\$219.11 per Month

Preschool Enrichment - \$15.30 a day for 4 hours, Before/After School is \$2.95/Hour

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** The Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Preschool. The 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 or can come all day every day.

**References are available upon request.**

**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	\$90.00/month
4 - 5 year olds:	M/W/F	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM	\$115.00/month
4 - 5 year olds:	M/T/W/TH	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	\$125.00/month

There is a \$50 non-refundable registration fee per family.

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** 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 12 years experience. She is also among the Nations Top 1% of Teachers. The teaching assistant holds a Child Development Associate's Degree and has 8 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 all the children. All classes will focus on skills to be better prepared for Kindergarten. We have also integrated the Smart Board technology into our program.

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

We are also on Facebook!

**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 - 6 years old

**Days and Hours Available with Fees:**

Pre 3's	F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	\$50/month
3 years old	T/TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	\$95/month
4 & 5 years old	M/W/F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	\$135/month
	M/T/W/TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	\$170/month
Pre - K	M-F	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	\$190/month
Kindergarten	M-F	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	\$210.00/month

**Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and Preschool Staff:** The director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and 14 years experience working with children. Staff and all teachers hold current SD Teaching Certificates.

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

**References available upon request.**

## **YWCA Spanish Immersion Pre-School**

**Contact:** Karla Johnson

**Ages Served:** 4 - 5 year olds

### **Days and Hours Available:**

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

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

Before/after school care: 6:45 AM - 8:30 AM and 3:15 PM - 6:00 PM

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

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

Before/after school care: 6:45 AM - 8:30 AM and 3:15 PM - 6:00 PM

### **Fees:**

Full Time: \$175/Week (Fee includes daily breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack and extended care hours.

Spanish Immersion Half Day: \$100/week (Fee includes breakfast, lunch and snack depending on schedule)

### **Educational Background and Experience of Preschool Director and**

**Preschool Staff:** The Spanish Immersion Pre-School Director and assistant are both natives of Columbia. The Director has a degree in Psychology Studies and Children's Interactive Behavior.

**Additional Information:** The EmBe program is designed with two teachers where half of the child's day is in full Spanish immersion with one teacher, and the other half is in English with another teacher. This will ensure that children not only excel in Spanish language development, but also continue to grow and develop their English language. The two teachers will work together to create a seamless learning environment for each child.

**References are available upon request.**

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### **211 Community Resources**

24-hour information and crisis hotline

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

- When you need help finding community information, social services, support groups, donation information, child care, volunteer opportunities or financial assistance
- Resource guides include the Mental Health Guide, Parent Resource Directory and an E-mail Resource Guide

### **Child Care Resources**

Child care resource and referral for parents and providers

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

### **Suicide and Crisis Support**

**Dial 1-800-273-TALK** 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 Opportunities**

Linking volunteers with community volunteer opportunities

- Search the web based Volunteer Solutions database of over 100 non-profit agencies and 250 volunteer opportunities
  - Serve and Learn Student Association (SALSA)
  - Business Volunteer Council
- Volunteer opportunities for families, groups and individuals