

Faith. Preparation. Community. Service. Spirit. Leadership.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18



Dear Prospective Preschool Family,

Christian education, as we at Grace Christian School view it, is the integration of Biblical teaching in everything we do, so that our students learn to see God in all facets of life. In GCS's Christ-centered curriculum, God's word is the standard of truth and authority by which all subjects are taught.

Developmentally and age-appropriate practices are a result of biblically-based, research-informed concepts providing understanding of how young children grow and learn. Such practices involve teaching to the developmental domains of the whole child: spiritual, social, emotional, physical, and cognitive. These practices meet children where they are in their unique God-designed development, allowing for achievable goals while encouraging challenge and independent exploration. Developmentally appropriate practices take into consideration the ability, interests, culture, diversity, personality, and temperament of each child.

Educating children today to become Christ-centered leaders of tomorrow has been the hallmark of the education we at GCS have provided for more than a quarter of a century. We are honored and privileged to continue this tradition of excellence as we join with you to provide the superior quality of Christian education Grace Christian School affords.

In His Service,

Mrs. Cynthia V. Phillips, Head of School

# About our PRESCHOOL



The Grace Christian Preschool spiritual and academic teaching philosophies are solidly rooted in those established by Grace Christian School, which was founded in 1981. We are licensed by the Ohio Department of Education and a member of the Association of Christian Schools International. Our preschool teachers are licensed by the Ohio Department of Education or have a Child Development Associate Credential (CDA). Head of School is Cindy Phillips. Preschool Director is Mandy Dunn.

## Our Philosophy

It is our goal that children are encouraged to learn and grow by providing developmentally appropriate experiences where all children can succeed in a safe and nurturing environment. We offer a curriculum rooted in a God-centered Biblical world view. This view holds that the Bible is the inherent Word of God and God's truth is the standard for all truth.

### Core Values

Our educators believe all children:

- Are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26)
- Are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14)
- Are sinners in need of a Savior (Romans 3:23)
- Have lives marked with a purpose (Jeremiah 29:11)
- Are valued by God (Matthew 19:14)

### Importance of Classroom Environment

Our educators understand the importance of the indoor and outdoor learning environments. They design a rich atmosphere which provides a variety of safe and reassuring stimuli for the different needs of each student. A wide variety of age-appropriate opportunities are provided to help move each child toward mastery of skills and concepts. Decisions about classroom resources and materials are planned and implemented with each child in mind, reflecting a biblical worldview.

### 3 - 4 Year Old Preschool

This program addresses the child's cognitive development, pre-reading and numeracy skills, communication skills and school readiness. Social, emotional and spiritual development is strengthened through formal learning, hands on activities, interactive play and field trips. Must be 3 years 6 months of age by September 1, 2018 and potty trained.

### 4 - 5 Year Old Preschool

This program is designed to prepare students for school. Social, emotional and spiritual development is further strengthened through formal learning, hands on activities, interactive play and field trips. There is a strong emphasis on problem solving, language usage and social skills. Subjects



covered include Bible, math, phonics, language arts, beginning writing, social studies and science. Must be 4 years of age by September 1, 2018 and potty trained.

### Our COMMUNITY

Spread Grace



Over 20 countries are represented at GCS

At GCS, we are a beautiful, diverse community of families who love Jesus. We seek to equip and encourage one another as we strive to raise Christ-centric adults. As a school, we provide:

- Opportunities to connect at events designed for fellowship and fun!
- Opportunities to grow as parents and families!
- Online Resources available when you're available!

GCS has an amazing way of empowering families to consider God in every aspect. Since preschool we have witnessed our children develop an extraordinary love for Christ. GCS has the total package! A great balance both biblically and academically. The advanced curriculum cultivates learning and fun. Our children love GCS and highly enjoy going to school each day. By partnering with GCS, together we are strengthening our children to grow in grace and become the leaders of today. It takes a village to raise a child and GCS has become our village to help support, love and develop our children, keeping God in mind! *-Tywan & Nina Banks* 

### Tuition

#### Full day 9am - 3pm

2 days (T/TH): \$229.67/mo. or \$2,756/yr.

3 days (M/W/F): 344.50/mo. or 4,134/yr.

5 days (M-F): \$574.17/mo. or \$6,890/yr.

#### **Tuition Reductions**

There is a 1% discount for paying tuition semi-annually and a 2% discount for paying tuition annually. Families are also eligible for these reductions:

- Second (and each additional) child: 10%
- East Side Grace Brethren attendees: 10% (if the family regularly attends ESGBC and is actively involved in a church ministry program)

### Admissions-Related Fees

Registration begins January 1, 2018. Grace Christian School siblings and/or East Side Grace Brethren Church members will be accepted first, as long as their applications are submitted by February 23, 2018.

#### **Application Fee**

A non-refundable fee due when the application for admission is submitted. The application packet is not complete until the application fee is received: **\$140 for each new student.** 

#### Family Facility Fee

A non-refundable fee due by April 27, 2018 or upon acceptance to Grace Christian School, whichever is later.

Family Facility Fee (One Student at GCS): \$500Family Facility Fee (Two Students at GCS): \$525Family Facility Fee (Three or More Students at GCS): \$550

If Facility Fee paid after April 27, 2018 add: \$50

### Extended Care

Extended care is offered before and after school from 7:15-8:35 and after school from dismissal until 5:30. The cost is \$5.50 per hour. There is a late fee of \$1 per minute after 5:30. Please see the Preschool Handbook for full extended care information.

### Next Steps

### Have questions?

Contact us. cindy.phillips@ gcsblacklick.org (614) 861-0724 Inquiry. Please fill out the Online Inquiry Form (link below). Once received, we will contact you to schedule a tour. https://gcs-oh.client.renweb.com/ oa/inquiry.cfm?memberid=509 **Apply.** Go to the link below.

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