

Our Curriculum

At First Friends, our goal is to help children develop at their own pace, in their own way, and to see themselves as unique and special creations of God.

Our program works in partnership with parents to meet the unique needs of each child – socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually – through a developmentally appropriate curriculum.

Benchmarks from the Illinois Learning Standards are used in planning to meet the educational needs of our students. As part of our school day, students are involved in early literacy experiences and hands-on math exploration.

Our Staff

Our teacher has extensive experience working with children. In addition to a teaching degree, she has training in teaching reading and in ESL. She is a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Both our teacher and our assistant complete at least 15 hours of continuing education each year and are CPR certified.

Enrollment Policies

First Friends Christian Preschool admits students of any race, color, ethnic origin, and nationality to all programs and activities. Members of Friendship United Methodist Church receive first preference for placement. Children must be the appropriate age by September first and be toilet trained. Children with September birthdays may be tested for early entry into the preschool program.

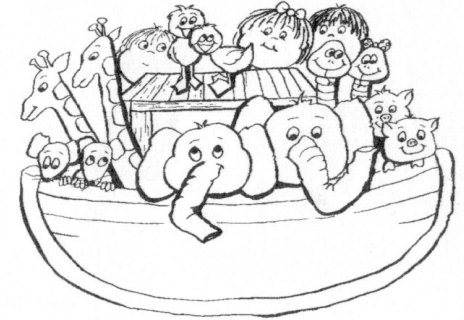
Health & Safety Requirements

Before admittance into the preschool, all children must have on file a health examination form completed by their doctor. This form must include proof of chickenpox immunity or vaccination, lead and TB tests (or waivers), and be dated within six months prior to enrollment.

A certified copy of the student's birth certificate must be presented for photocopying prior to admittance.

First Friends is inspected regularly by the Will County Health Department, and is licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

First Friends Christian Preschool



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A Christian Approach

First Friends is a non-denominational Christian preschool. We strongly advocate and support the Christian values of caring, sharing, and loving. The Christian aspect of the program is visible daily with Bible stories, simple prayer, and song. Religious holidays are observed with explanations and celebrations.

Additional Benefits

First Friends enriches the preschool experience for your child and your family:

- *Two field trips each year (nominal additional fee).
- *Evening Christmas performance and Cap and Gown graduation ceremony.
- *Annual charity fundraiser highlights caring for the less fortunate.
- *Daily outdoor play in our fenced and attached play ground (weather permitting.)
- *Daily indoor play and socialization.
- *Security building with unique access code for parents.

Preschool Class Times

The following classes are available at First Friends:

- Three year olds – Tues/Thurs
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Four year olds – Mon/Wed/Fri
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Mon/Wed/Fri 12:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
This session will be offered based on adequate demand.



School Attendance Days

We follow the same calendar for scheduled days off as the Valley View School District. If Valley View schools are closed due to inclement weather, First Friends will also be closed.

Registration Fee

A non-refundable registration fee is due along with the enrollment application. The registration fee for the 2011 – 2012 school year has been established at \$35 for members of Friendship United Methodist Church and \$45 for non-members. Only one registration fee is paid per family. A \$45 activity fee per student provides for a daily snack, school t-shirt, and class supplies. The activity fee is due the first day of school.

Tuition Policies

Tuition for the 2011 – 2012 school year has been set at \$105 per month for the Tuesday/Thursday program (\$100 for church members) and at \$135 per month for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday programs (\$130 for church members). Tuition is due on the first day of each month beginning September 1, 2011 and ending May 1, 2012. Tuition will not be reduced due to absence, illness, vacation, holidays or snow days.