

Gods Garden Preschool

Parent Info Sheet 2024-2025

Hours of Operation

The Preschool Programs operate daily between the hours of 8:45AM-2:45PM with extended care from 8:15AM-8:45AM and from 11:45AM-4:30PM. The first day of school is August 7th. The last day of school is May 15th.

Meet the Teacher

Meet the teacher is an informal meet and greet where you can meet and talk with your child's teachers, learn about the curriculum, explore the classroom, engage in a scavenger hunt, meet some of your child's classmates, join the parents' committee, and sign up for snack donations. It will be held on August 5th between 9:00AM and 11:00AM.

Tuition

All tuition is based on a yearly amount and is payable in ten equal installments from August through May. Tuition payments are due on the 1st of the month and are nonrefundable. There will be a \$15.00 late fee if tuition is received after the 5th of the month. Tuition payments are non-refundable. Beginning in August, God's Garden is switching to a new billing system – Brightwheel. Brightwheel allows you to pay tuition online or through an app on your phone! You will have the option to pay via credit card or your bank account monthly. Fees do apply. There is a 2.9% fee for credit cards and a \$.90 fee for ACH payments. You will even be able to set up autopayments through the App. Tuition is considered late after the 5th of each month. A late fee of \$15.00 will be added to your account for late tuition.

Scholarships Available

God's Garden offers scholarship opportunities yearly. They are made available to families on a first-come, first-serve basis and are tied to family income levels and/or financial hardship. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact the Preschool Director, Michelle Rhodes, for a Scholarship Application.

Stay and Play Extended Care

Stay and Play (extended care) is offered daily before and after school from 8:15AM to 8:45AM and in the afternoon from 11:45AM to 4:30PM, beginning August 7th. Please sign your child in daily in the Stay and Play binder, which can be found at the front desk each morning. Space is limited, so early sign-ups are recommended. Children engage in child-centered play during Stay and Play. Payment can be made on day of sign up. The price is \$12.00 an hour. Stay and Play fees will be calculated at the end of each month and added to the next month's tuition. Please send a lunch with children (clearly labeled with first and last name) when they attend PM Stay and Play. **Children must be at least 2 ½ years of age and independently potty-trained to attend.**

Health & Safety Precautions

Daily Health Checks will be completely by your child's teacher to monitor for fever, cough, congestion, and shortness of breath. Temperature checks will be completed if necessary. Drop off and pick up is in the classroom. Cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting efforts will continue. Toys, materials, tables, door knobs, light switches, and outdoor equipment are cleaned with bleach daily. Face masks or coverings are optional. Hand sanitizer will be made available daily.

Snacks

Snacks are provided by parents. Teachers post regular Sign-up sheets to help supply weekly snacks. Classrooms are required by the ADHS Licensing to supply at least 2 healthy snack components daily. Snack Menus are posted weekly and include but are not limited to string cheese, yogurt, goldfish crackers, cereal, graham crackers, fresh fruit and vegetables, and 100% juice. Please sign up if you can. **We have several nut allergies this year, therefore our classrooms are Nut Free. No nuts or tree nuts of any kind allowed on premises.** Do not send snacks or lunches with peanut butter or Nutella. **Sun butter is allowed.** Please make sure all Classroom Teachers and the Front Desk are aware of any child allergies. If your child has an allergy, accommodations will be made.

Birthdays

Your child's birthday is a very important day! School friends enjoy sharing the event. If you wish to provide a special treat, we ask that you notify the teacher in advance. State law requires that all baked goods be store-bought and packaged.

Backpacks and Water Bottles

Please provide a Backpack and Water Bottle for your child daily. Both should be clearly labeled with first and last name. Please keep a change of clothes in your child's backpack daily. Please place them in a gallon sized Ziploc, clearly labeled with first and last name, in case your child encounters an accident or messy situation while at God's Garden. If your child is not potty trained yet, please provide diapers and wipes in your child's backpack daily.

Sunscreen

God's Garden is committed to our children's health and protecting them from the sun's rays during outdoor activities. Per Arizona Health Department, we are not permitted to apply sunscreen. Please apply sunscreen prior to arriving at our childcare facility daily. Please provide a hat, sunglasses, and/or long sleeve clothing for your child to wear when outdoors.

Chapel

Except for the 2's classes, all classrooms will attend Chapel twice per month on Wednesdays during the 2nd and 4th weeks, each month. Your child will be provided with a Chapel shirt and we encourage them to be worn on Chapel days. Each Chapel will be based on a theme or topic and reinforced within the classrooms. Chapel occurs in the Horizon Presbyterian Church Sanctuary beginning at 9:00AM. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Playground Policies

Please make sure you are following our playground rules if you are spending any time on the playground before or after school. Be sure to supervise your children, clean up any toys/bikes that were used, and sweep up any sand or rubber chips that have been dislodged during play. The playground is used for Stay and Play between 11:45AM and 4:30PM daily.

Parents Committee

We need you to serve on our Parents Committee. For God's Garden to keep tuition low and also keep all of its great traditions, we ask our parents to volunteer 5 hours of their time each year to create wonderful experiences for our school community. We are always looking for wonderful people to support Gods Garden in a variety of ways. Parents can choose to coordinate yearly events. Parents can also choose to make individual monetary donations, as well. Parents committee will help raise money for Gods Garden.