

Grace Christian Preschool

The Grace Christian Preschool includes children ages 3 years through 4 years who participate in K-3, K-4, and K-5 students who participate in after school care. The preschool falls under the authority of the Grace Christian Education Association, Incorporated and its board of directors.

Philosophy

We are committed to the education and training of the whole child under the authority and guidance of the Bible, God's holy, and infallible word. Education has as its emphasis the intellectual side of the child. Training has as its emphasis the moral, spiritual and social aspects of a child.

Children are created in God's image (Genesis 1:2) and are one of God's greatest blessings. Though children are of incalculable worth they are born as sinners because of Adam. (Psalm 51:5, Romans 5:12) Unless human beings are regenerated through faith and repentance they will not be brought into right relationship with God. We desire and will endeavor to point little ones to right relationship with God made possible through faith in Christ. (Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30, Ephesians 2:8,9) Faith cannot be forced on anyone; it must come from a willing heart. However, God uses prayer and His word as brought by others to bring about regeneration. The Bible is foundational to every aspect of the educational process. (II Timothy 3:16, 17) Our first task at GCS is to love God with our total being and secondly to love our neighbor. (Matthew 22:34-40) To change this order will inevitably lead to much harm regardless of the intention. For the purposes of GC S our neighbor can be defined as the students and parents who have come to us for help. (Luke 10:25-37) When children and adults practice this "greatest of the commandments" they will be successful. Life has vertical and horizontal aspects; responsibility to God and to one another. Our education and training will involve both dimensions of life.

We live in a culture that increasingly practices unbiblical lifestyles and promotes values based on a humanistic perspective. Unbiblical lifestyles and values do not lead to freedom but rather bondage. Jesus plainly stated, "You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). Jesus later states, "I am the way, the truth and the life..." (John 14:6). To know Jesus is to obey Jesus. To obey Jesus is to love Jesus. (John 14:15-24). The very best source of truth comes from the Bible, both the Old Testament and the New Testament. We will not encourage parents or students in unbiblical lifestyles. We will not shy away from speaking the truth in love.

I have read and understand the family life styles and biblical values that are taught at Grace Christian Preschool.

Signature

Date