

**Cordova Presbyterian  
Early Childhood Learning Center**



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# Statement of Purpose

Cordova Presbyterian Early childhood Learning Center is a Christian School. The purpose of ECLC is to:

- Provide a relaxed atmosphere, flexible, yet structured atmosphere to enhance achievement.
- Allow all students to learn at their own rate and in whatever mode of learning that suits their needs.
- Expose children to the wonders of God's world and elements of Christian faith.
- Encourage a love of learning.
- Respect the uniqueness and individual differences of each child.
- Enhance self-esteem and self-confidence.
- Refine social interaction.
- Develop responsibility for one's self, belongings, and environment.

In an atmosphere of mutual respect and admiration, we believe that good social skills are instilled, self-discipline is developed, a love of learning is generated, self-realization is facilitated, and respect for the principles of our Christian faith is established.

## **General Operations**

The school's normal operating hours are Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Parents will need to sign their child(ren) in and out on their designated sheets. Doors will remain locked until 7:00 a.m. to allow for our teachers to prepare their rooms for the day. Please make sure your child is picked up **by** 6:00 p.m. Late fees will be assessed starting at 6:01 p.m. If you know you will be late, be sure to call and notify the school. Children will never be dismissed to an individual other than a parent or a listed authorized individual without prior notification to the school; moreover, a photo ID will be requested at the time of pickup. Notification includes: either in person with a signed note or by phone with a signed fax and copy of ID.

## **Drop Off Policy**

Children should be dropped off no later than 11:30 a.m. without prior approval of the director or lead teacher.

## **Inclement Weather Closing**

We will follow Shelby County Schools' inclement weather closings unless you are otherwise notified by ECLC. The school reserves the right for emergency closings such as power outages. If the school needs to close after children are already at school, we will contact each parent by a phone call.

## **Admissions Procedure**

The school will provide admissions to children based on availability regardless of race, gender, color, or creed. Priority for admissions is given respectively to returning students and their siblings, church members' children, full-time children, then part-time children. One or both parents are required to visit the school to meet the director and teachers, to inspect facility, and receive registration documents.

It is required that the registration fee and completed forms be submitted before a child can be accepted into the program. New registration documents need to be signed each time your child moves to a new class.

*New Immunization forms must be submitted every August.*

## **Registration Fees**

A NON-REFUNDABLE registration fee must accompany all applications: this fee is \$65 for 1<sup>st</sup> child and \$100 for family.

## **Waiting List**

If there is not an immediate opening for your child, your family will be put on the waiting list. As soon as a spot becomes available in the appropriate class, you will be notified.

## Tuition Deposit

At the time of acceptance into ECLC, you will be asked to pay one week's tuition as a deposit, which will be used as your last weekly tuition payment.

If you should decide to leave ECLC, we require 2 weeks written notice. If you fail to provide the 2 weeks written notice, your tuition deposit will not be refunded.

Giving notice is important because it allows us to prepare to fill the open spot, it also allows time for the children to prepare to say good-bye to each other, and allows the teacher to gather all artwork and workbooks to send home.

## Tuition

Tuition is due in advance each Monday. Parents may pay for more than one week at a time, but it must be in advance of the care received. Tuition is based on 51 weeks of care per year. Parents are required to pay the same weekly fee regardless of days missed for illness, vacation, national holidays, or inclement weather. You are not required to pay tuition the week the center is closed for Christmas.

As of August 2016

- Toddlers 12 mos - 30 mos.                      \$170 per week
- Juniors 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  yrs old - 4 yrs old              \$165 per week
- Pre-K 4 yrs old - 5 yrs old                      \$155 per week

*Siblings of enrolled children will receive \$15 off per week. Tuition pricing will be re-evaluated every August for possible increases.*

They must be 4 yrs old by September 15<sup>th</sup> to enter Pre-K.

# Fees

## **Late payment:**

When you enroll your child you will sign a fee agreement stating the rate of weekly tuition. Tuition is due on Monday. Tuition will be considered late if paid after 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and there will be a \$25 late fee charged.

## **Returned Check:**

Tuition must be paid by cash, check or money order. Checks should be made payable to ECLC. There is a \$20 charge for returned checks.

## **Late Pick up:**

ECLC closes at 6:00 p.m. It is very important that parents pick up their children on time, as we are not licensed to provide child care after 6:00 p.m. The fee for late pick up is \$1.00 for every minute late beginning at 6:01 p.m. Doors will be locked at 6:00 p.m. If you are late picking your child up, you will need to knock or call the school to be let inside.

## **Parent Recruitment Incentive**

We welcome you to tell other families about ECLC. If you refer a family to us and they enroll at ECLC, we will reward you with one week free tuition for one child.

# School Issues

- Please keep your phone numbers and emergency information current
- Book bags or back packs help the children stay organized. Back packs should be small, in order to fit in the cubby.
- Fundraising will be done periodically throughout the year and donations are always accepted
- Parents are encouraged to share and participate in their child's school day; if you would like to share a talent, your occupation, do a craft, read a story or schedule a visit, please let your child's teacher know
- Entrances to the school are the 2 doors facing the playground
- Your child's birthday is his/her special day. Please let your teacher know if you have any special plans like providing a special treat for the class. (Please check with your child's teacher for a list of approved treats). If you are having a party away from school, please mail the invitations unless you are inviting the whole class.
- Dress your child for fun! Children will be playing outside, painting, cooking, etc. Tennis shoes are preferred. Sandals and flipflops are not practical for the peagravel on the playground.



## **School Issues cont.**

- Outside play is part of our required curriculum. Please do not ask us to keep your child inside. We will not go outside if there is inclement weather or if the temperature is below 32 degrees or above 95 degrees (per Department of Human Services).
- Children who are not enrolled in the program will not be allowed to be dropped off for the day.

## **Lunches and Snacks**

The school provides two snacks. The morning snack will be served at 10:00 a.m. and the afternoon snack will be served at 3:00 p.m.

Children will have a choice of milk or water to be served with snack.

Examples of snacks: Bananas, goldfish, animal crackers, raisins, fruit cups, pretzels, peanut butter crackers, nutra-grain bars, in season fresh fruit, etc. (Food Allergies will be taken into account)

You will need to send your child's lunch every day. Please send nutritious food like: sandwiches, cut up veggies, fruit, cheese, peanut butter crackers, yogurt, milk, water, or juice. No sodas are allowed. Also, if you send a desert, please limit your child's desert to 1 small desert choice. If you send food that requires utensils, be sure to send utensils.

## Injuries

Any injuries that occur at school will be documented and an "Ouch Report" will be sent home. Please inform teachers of any recent injuries your child has experienced.

## Illness

Please inform us if your child will be absent. If your child is on medication, please be sure to fill out a medication form, so we will be able to administer it.

Please inform the director and the teachers of any allergies from food, latex, or insects. If medication and Epi-pens are to be left at school, you must fill out a medication form.

Children may not be brought to school with fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or symptoms of any childhood disease within the past 24 hours, in order to protect your child and his/her classmates from illness.

**If your child becomes ill while at school, you will be notified immediately and he/she may not return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours. You will be called if your child is running a fever of 100.4 or higher, or if your child has had more than 1 episode of vomiting or diarrhea.**

**\*\*\*If your child has been diagnosed with PINK EYE, they must be on anti-biotic treatment 24 hours before returning to school. If they have been sent home for a suspected case of pink eye, but the doctor does not think it is pink eye, we will need a signed and dated note from the doctor stating it is not pink eye before they will be allowed to return to school.**

## **Discipline Policy**

ECLC teachers have age appropriate expectations for each child. We encourage children to learn, explore, and be active. On occasion children will "test their limits" and do something that is not allowed. For the younger children we use redirection to keep a child from unwanted behavior. For an older child, we will discuss the behavior with them and the reasons it is not allowed and depending on the level or frequency of the offense we may have them sit and have quiet time. We feel this is a necessary part of growing up and look at it as a learning experience.

We will share with you any concerns about chronic behavior, but the teacher may not find it necessary to inform you of small infractions. Your child may come home and share with you that they had to have "quiet time", even though the teacher did not tell you about any. We want to focus on the positive behaviors and only address behaviors that might concern the teacher.

## **Grievances**

Teachers are always open to speak with parents about concerns that you may have. If you feel your concerns have not been addressed after speaking with the teachers, please call the director. If you are still dissatisfied after speaking with the director, please contact the Board of Directors of ECLC.

## **School Board**

The ECLC Board will consist of the following positions: 2 members of Cordova Presbyterian Church, 2 parent representatives, the Pastor of Cordova Presbyterian, 1 Teacher, and the ECLC director.

The Board will meet a minimum of 4 times per year.

Ex-officio members of the Board (without voting privilege) include the ECLC director and Cordova Presbyterian Pastor.

## **Licensing**

Cordova Presbyterian Early Childhood Learning Center is licensed by the Tennessee Department of Human Services (901) 543-7351.

ECLC has been a 3 Star Agency for over 10 years.

## **Dismissal**

The school reserves the right to dismiss any student whose presence in the school is considered detrimental to either the other students or the school's best interests.

## **Toddler Curriculum (1-2 yrs old)**

Introduction to:

- Shapes
- Colors
- Sizes (big, small)
- Alphabet
- Numbers 1-5

Social Skills:

- Sharing
- Taking turns
- Communicating his/her needs
- Promoting independence skills

Music

## **Junior Curriculum (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 yrs old)**

Math

- Shapes
- Numbers 1-10
- Colors
- Size and shape recognition

Pre-writing skills

Cutting skills

Interpersonal skills

Gross Motor skills

Music

## **Pre K Curriculum (4-5 yrs old)**

Personal information

- Full name
- Age
- Birthday
- Home address
- Telephone number

## Literacy

- Alphabet names and sounds
- Recognize , spell, write first name
- Hold a pencil, crayon, marker correctly
- Draw pictures and retell stories

## Math

- Number 1-10
- Counting 1-10
- Shapes
- Order by size
- Color and color names
- Same and different
- Matching: symbols, shapes, and patterns

## Music and Movement

### Gross Motor skills

- Jump with 2 feet and on each foot
- Throw, catch, bounce and kick large ball
- Balance on each foot

## Science

- Body parts: name and location
- Five senses
- Observe plant growth
- Weather and seasons
- Animals and insects

## Social skills

- Follow directions
- Complete tasks, work neatly, use time well
- Sharing
- Participate in group activities

## Follow routines