

UNITS OF STUDY

School	Reading Readiness
Me/My Family	Alphabet
Senses	Numbers/Counting
Manners/Behavior	American History
Safety/Health/Fitness	Valentine's Day
Nursery Rhymes	Circus
Community Helpers	Around The World
Fall	St. Patrick's Day
Halloween	Farm/Animals/Pets
Shapes	Dinosaurs
Colors	Transportation
Indians/Thanksgiving	Easter
Christmas	Spring
Winter	Mother's Day
Our Environment/Weather	Summer
Science/Nature	Ocean
Time/Money	

OBJECTIVES

- To build a sense of trust in self and others.
- To interact with others in work and play activities.
- To develop large- and fine-motor skills.
- To build a sense of independence.
- To develop listening skills.
- To develop expressive skills.
- To further intellectual growth in language, numbers and perception.
- To learn to follow directions.
- To use various art media and techniques.
- To develop music appreciation through singing, dancing and rhythms.
- To explore a wealth of children's literature.
- To develop personal skills of health, hygiene and safety.
- To develop an awareness of God as creator.

READINESS GOALS

Isle of Hope Preschool enjoys a wonderful relationship with the public and private schools our children attend when they leave our program. We recognize that some of those schools have admissions testing, therefore, we have structured a strong academic preschool program, particularly for our 4-year-olds.

However, as preschool professionals, we also recognize that cognitive development can only be achieved when children have reached the proper level of maturation, a maturation that child development experts tell us is determined at the time of conception! Once a child is mature enough to understand academic concepts, teaching those concepts is effortless. Before a child is ready, teaching academic concepts is next to impossible. Each child should be taught in a manner that is developmentally appropriate for the unique characteristics of that child. That is our mission - to work with your child in a way that meets his or her developmental needs.

Research does show that preschoolers in a high-quality academic program are more verbally fluent, show memory and comprehension advantages and even achieve higher IQ scores than most stay-at-home children. Preschoolers also tend to be more self-confident, independent and sociable when they attend kindergarten.

With all of this in mind, the following are the readiness goals that will be introduced and reinforced during your child's years at Isle of Hope Preschool. We welcome your feedback, input and support as we teach these to your child.

READINESS GOALS

CHERUBS (4s)

1. Knows basic survival skills-name, address, phone number
2. Prints full name
3. Uses proper sequence
4. Recognizes same and different
5. Listens and follows directions
6. Knows fourteen colors
7. Knows ten shapes
8. Recognizes 1-20 out of order
9. Arranges 1-20 in order
10. Knows birthday
11. Knows left and right
12. Knows days of the week
13. Recognizes A-Z out of order
14. Arranges A-Z in order
15. Introduce beginning sounds
16. Matches upper and lower case A-Z
17. Knows the pledge and Lord's Prayer
18. Uses crayons, scissors and pencils well

TOTS (3s)

1. Speaks clearly in sentences
2. Recognizes rhyming sounds
3. Follows simple directions
4. Matches basic shapes, sizes and colors
5. Recognizes like objects
6. Recognizes printed name
7. Names basic shapes and colors
8. Counts objects 1 to 10
9. Arranges numbers 1 to 10
10. Knows phone number, address and birthday
11. Recites alphabet and pledge
12. Works on alphabet recognition
13. Uses crayons and scissors

FIELD TRIPS

Cherubs (4s)

Speech and Hearing Center

Nursing Homes

Fire Station

Oceanography Center

Tots (3s)

Fire Station

Farm

ACTIVITIES

Open House

Parties (Halloween, Christmas, Valentines, Easter, End-of- Year)

Indian Cook-out

Thanksgiving Feast

Christmas Pageant for parents of Cherubs (4s)

Dad's Day at school (2s)

Circus for parents of Tots (3s)

Around The World presentation for parents of Cherubs (4s)

Parents' Night for Cherubs (4s)

Mothers' Brunch for moms of Tots (3s)

Mom's Day At School for moms of Pee Wees (2s)

Fun Days (Barefoot- Watermelon Day, Water Day, Sundae Day, Carnival Games, Backwards Day, Tricycle Rodeo, Pretend Camping Trip, Movies, Etc...)

NOTES

- Attendance
Regular attendance is expected unless your child is ill. The preschool session is from nine until twelve.
- Time of Arrival
Children may arrive no sooner than 8:45. School begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. Parents may use the playground doors or the door at the office for drop off in the mornings. **Parents may not enter or exit the playground doors after 9:15 a.m.** Children must arrive at their classrooms by 9:30 a.m. in order to attend IOH Pre-school for that day. Latecomers disrupt the routine that has been established and cause problems in scheduling makeup activities. If there is a need to come into the Preschool wing after 9:15a.m., use the door by the office. All other outside doors remain locked throughout the school day. A parent will bring Tots and Pee Wees to their rooms. Cherubs are encouraged to come in by themselves after the first few weeks of school. So that the teachers can give full attention to the children as they arrive, teacher-parent conversation should be brief. Parents are encouraged to address any concerns with the teacher by a phone call after preschool hours or by requesting a conference.
- Time of Departure
We request your promptness in coming for the children at noon. After 12:15 p.m., a late fee of \$5.00 will be charged and \$1.00 per minute thereafter.
- Carpools
If anyone other than the approved carpool person for your child is to provide transportation, a written note delivered to the teacher upon the child's arrival that morning is required. When you arrive in the morning, enter through the playground door, door to the right of playground, or door by the office. Please park in the parking lot beside the sanctuary or the parking lot beside the church office. **There is no weekday parking along side the preschool wing.** See that your child gets to the proper room. There are two carpool lines when picking up your child at noon or after the extended session. Single carpools turn in at the right of the church, come through the parking lot and pull by the drive through. Multiple carpools turn at the left of the church and pull along the back of our wing. **Do not block Parkersburg Road.** Wait in line until the children are loaded. Do not come into the building or get out of your car to pick up children. We will only load children in the back right passenger door. This is for the safety of the children. Print the names of the children on a large piece of poster board and put in the front window of your car. Be patient. Please do not talk on your cell phone as you pick up your child as we need safe drivers and may have a message for you. Your child's safety is our utmost concern. Therefore, identification may be requested if the driver is unfamiliar to the staff.

- Dress

We prefer simple, practical, comfortable washable playclothes. Do not send your child in his best clothing. Some paints, markers, etc. are difficult to wash out. We will inform the moms of Tots and Pee Wees when we are doing lots of painting. Cowboy boots, backless shoes or slick soles are dangerous on the playground, and are not allowed. All outer clothing should be plainly marked with your child's name. It's a good idea to keep a sweater in your child's bookbag throughout the year. Umbrellas are supplied by the Preschool to protect children from the rain at carpool. **Please do not send an umbrella to school with your child.**
- Playground

We go outside each day that the weather permits so please send the proper clothing. When it is cold, send mittens, not gloves.
- Toys

Do not let your child bring any toys to school as they can get broken or lost. Your child is encouraged to bring books or records that go with our units.
- Birthdays

On your child's birthday you may send napkins and cupcakes or cookies for the class. We will furnish the juice. Please contact the teacher before the day so that we do not celebrate two birthdays on the same day. Children with summer birthdays can select any other day for their birthday celebration.
- Parties

If you can help with any of the holiday parties, please sign up with the teacher. Plan as a group and include games (not an art project unless approved by the teacher), refreshments and a treat to take home. No balloons.
- Field Trips

The Cherubs and Tots will take field trips away from the school. A health/field trip permission form that applies for the entire year is required and will be kept on file for each student. You will be notified of the dates and places of each field trip. Your child cannot go without a signed form. Children are transported by parents and the school cannot be held responsible in case of an accident. Parents must be pre-approved with insurance information. Drivers must have 300,000 liability insurance to be eligible to drive on field trips. All children **must** ride in a car seat to attend the field trip. If you go with us to help with the trip, do not bring other children. Some field trips will have an additional charge. We will let you know in advance.
- T-Shirts

We offer T-Shirts with our yearly theme. Children are to wear these on all field trips, once a month for t-shirt day, and on other special days as listed in the newsletter. We will have a sample on display at the Parents Meeting and during the first week

- Chapel

Chapel is once a month in the sanctuary.

- Extended Session

There will be extended sessions for Cherubs and Tots on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 to 2:00. The cost is \$5.00 each time your child stays for extended session. Please send \$5.00 **cash** in an envelope with your child's name on it. Payment is made on party and field trip days if your child stays until 2:00. This is optional and sign-up sheets will be available at the Parents' Meetings. The sessions will begin on Thursday of our second week of school.

- Visitors

Visitors in the classroom should be scheduled by the teacher.

- Messages

Emergency messages will be relayed to the teachers by the church staff (355-8527).

- Medical Forms and Illness

All forms need to be turned in at the Parents' Meetings. All shots must be current. These forms come from your physician or the health department. Children may not attend IOH Preschool without a current shot record or legal document stating why a shot hasn't been given to a child. We do not want sick children at school. Children should be free of temperature for 24 hours before returning to school after an illness.

- Bookbags

Each child needs to bring a bookbag every day. **No rolling bookbags are allowed.**

- Parent Conferences

Conferences will be scheduled for the Cherubs and Tots during the school year. Please note the date on the calendar. However, feel free to call the teacher or director at any time to talk about special needs or ideas. Children are sensitive. Any concerns that you have about your child should be addressed privately with the teacher.

- Pictures

Individual and group pictures will be taken early in the year. Purchasing the pictures is optional.

- Newsletters

We send home a monthly newsletter with a calendar. Please read both sides.