

Our Philosophy at Bible Fellowship Church Preschool

Our philosophy is to provide a climate in which your child can learn through creative play, in an environment reflecting God's love. It is our goal that your child develops a love of learning and a positive self-image during his first school experience. Through music and stories, through use of a variety of materials, through first-hand experiences, through physical activities, and through exposure to new ideas, your child will have an opportunity to broaden his understanding of God, himself, others, and his world.

We strive to stimulate the spiritual, mental, and physical learning needs of each child. Emotional and social needs are given high priority as well. Attitudes and interpersonal relationships are areas of growth critical to each child's future success in life. Trained staff members, who are committed to reflecting the character of Jesus Christ, work toward these goals for your child.

Children are important to us because they are important to Christ. Luke 18:16 says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Our philosophy is that our program first be Christ-centered, and second, child-centered. We offer an environment geared toward success for the child's feeling of self-worth. We feel a child who likes himself can afford to like others.

Mark 12:31 says, "Love your neighbor as yourself." It is our belief that children who are accepting of themselves can reach out and fulfill their capacity for learning with assurance. Therefore, the program is geared toward success for children by encouraging them to attempt the new as well as risk possible failure in a safely controlled, supportive environment. Our greatest concerns are not with the quick surface changes in behavior, quick mastery of skills or the finished product of the child's work. We are concerned with what the *process of learning* and the *value of experience* will be for the child.

The growth that comes from experiences such as these is lasting growth. It is our conviction that children belong to the Lord. (Psalm 127:3). Teaching them is a great honor and responsibility for parents as well as teachers. Our staff knows this and feels a deep respect for the children, valuing them for the individuals God created them to be.