

Our Staff

Orange UMC Preschool teaching staff has years of experience in early child development. We endeavor to provide a foundation of concepts and readiness skills in our classrooms, which will prepare your child for kindergarten.



We Love Our Teachers!

Snacks:

Parents provide snack for their child's class. Your commitment will be 4-5 times during the year. Teachers will post a snack schedule for each classroom, along with suggested snack items.

Drop-off and pick-up procedures:

An adult must accompany your child to the classroom each morning. Classrooms open at 9 am. We do not offer early drop-off. Children are picked-up from their classroom or the playground depending on the child's age.

Field Trips:

The older classes will participate in field trips throughout the year. Trips will be completed during regular school hours. Parents will be notified and asked to sign a permission slip.

Appropriate clothing:

It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We will go outside everyday unless it is raining. Please bring proper overcoats, hats, and gloves, as needed. Good shoes are essential for the playground. If your child wears sandals to school they must have a strap to stay on their foot.



*Preschool hours:
9:00 am– 12:05pm*

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Our Preschool Philosophy



At Orange UMC Preschool, we recognize each child as a unique gift from God. Our primary objective is to provide a safe, loving environment that enables children to explore and develop their abilities at their own pace. Through our nurturing environment, we hope to foster confidence and an enthusiasm for learning about the world around us and the Lord, who made it all, which will last a lifetime.

We also encourage self-discipline. It is of utmost importance that a child learns kindness and sharing so that the child will be able to work well within a group. Our classes allow for individual expression through guided play activities, creative artwork, music, gross and fine motor activities, language development, story times, science and other group activities.

Curriculum and Goals

The curriculum is thematically based with a Christian component. The Christian holidays are celebrated, a blessing is said before snack, and we visit the Sanctuary for music (both secular and Christian) and prayer on a regular basis.

The focus of the curriculum is age appropriate for each class. The overall goals include:

- ◆ Building self-esteem, social and self help skills
- ◆ Development of fine and gross motor skills
- ◆ Experience with logical thinking, reasoning and problem solving skills
- ◆ Development of language and literacy skills
- ◆ Participation in imaginary play

Music

Music and creative movement are offered one day per week for all classes ages 2 and above. We have a wide variety of instruments for the children.

Science

Our science program of exploration and discovery is offered one day per week for our 4-year-olds and 3-year-olds who are here on Fridays. This hands on time is used to investigate, observe, and predict the outcome of experiments.

Parent Handbook posted on the web site
www.connect2orange.org