



CEDAR SPRINGS  
WEEKDAY  
SCHOOL

# PROGRAM GUIDE



FOSTERING  
FAITH, FUN,  
& FUTURES

# ABOUT



For more than 50 years, the Cedar Springs Weekday School has served the educational needs of Knoxville's children including:

- Bible-based curriculum
- Dedicated Christian staff
- Maintain a small teacher to student ratio with at least two teachers in each class
- Security ID badge entry system
- Recreation facilities
- First-aid and CPR-trained staff
- Licensure by the Tennessee Department of Education
- Conveniently located

**NOTE: All programs follow Knox County Schools weather and illness closings and delays.**



**Cedar Springs Weekday School is a ministry of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church.**

## OUR PHILOSOPHY & MISSION

- Each child is a unique creation of God.
- Children learn through hands-on experience.
- Parents are the primary teachers of their children.
- Our role is to support parents in this training and nurturing in a quality, developmentally appropriate atmosphere of fun, instructive learning.
- Our mission is to respond to God's love by following Jesus: in loving God, loving one another, and serving the world.

## OUR STAFF

Our teaching and administrative staff is prayerfully chosen for their commitment to Christ, educational expertise, and genuine love for children. All staff complete an in-depth employee screening process, including a background check and fingerprint clearance, and participate in annual professional development training.

## ENROLLMENT

Specific registration dates are always available online at [cedarspringsweekdayschool.com](http://cedarspringsweekdayschool.com)

## REGISTRATION DATES

- Part-Time Preschool for Fall — February
- School Age Care for Summer — February

Class size is determined by age of children and room square footage. When a program reaches maximum capacity, spaces are filled from a waiting list. Full-Time Preschool is filled strictly from a waiting list year-round.

# FULL-TIME PRESCHOOL

## SCHEDULE

**All classes are offered throughout the year, running from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM.**

**For children between the ages of 2 and 4 years.**

The child must reach the required age by August 15.

**Classes are held five days a week, from Monday to Friday.**



**Note: All full-time preschool classes are filled based on a waitlist.**

## OUR PRESCHOOL CORE VALUES

- Program centered on Tennessee Early Learning Standards
- Curriculum rich in spiritual, physical, social, intellectual, and emotional development
- Conscious Discipline behavior management plan used in all classes
- Developmental assessments sent home in October & February

## TYPICAL IN-CLASS EXPERIENCE

- Breakfast is served every morning at 8:00 AM and a healthy snack after nap time
- Children bring a lunch
- Rest mats and sheets provided for nap time
- Outdoor playtime offered twice daily (or in gym during inclement weather)
- Bible and music offered regularly

# PART-TIME PRESCHOOL

## SCHEDULE

**All classes are offered from August through May, running from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.**

**For children between the ages of 2 and 4 years.**

The child must reach the required age by August 15.

- **2 Days a Week:** Tuesday and Thursday
- **3 Days a Week:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday



## PREPARING FOR CLASS

- Convenient car line for drop off and pick up
- Children bring backpacks daily with a change of clothes in case of a spill or accident
- Children also bring a lunch that does not need to be refrigerated or heated
- Allergies are noted and rooms are peanut-free as necessary
- Tables are cleaned and sanitized before setting up for lunch
- 3-yr-olds are encouraged to be potty-trained.

## TYPICAL IN-CLASS EXPERIENCE

- Curriculum is based on Tennessee Early Learning Standards
- Conscious Discipline behavior management plan used in all classes
- Classes have playground times with other classes of the same age
- Each room has an attached bathroom so children may go as needed; they are also reminded through the day
- Music and Bible are taught once per week
- Children do not nap in this program
- Developmental assessments are sent home in October and February

# KINDERGARTEN

Children ready for Kindergarten should be able to:

## SCHEDULE

**All classes are offered from August through May, running from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Students must be 5 years old.**

The child must reach the required age by August 15.

**Classes are held five days a week, from Monday to Friday.**

Our certified kindergarten class offers a smaller class size, curriculum that meets Common Core state standards, and an emphasis on Christian values. Today's kindergarten class is an equivalent to the first grade class of just a few years ago. We tailor our teaching to the individual student and focus on training them to excel and become academically, spiritually, and physically ready to meet the rigor that is now expected from this beginning year of elementary school.

## CERTIFIED KINDERGARTEN AT THE WDS INCLUDES:

- Core curriculum of language arts, math, social studies, science, physical education, Bible, music, and technology
- Meeting of Tennessee state standards with licensed staff
- A lead and assistant teacher for each class
- Car line for pick up
- Holiday & Weather schedule follows Knox County Schools

## BEGIN TO SELF-REGULATE

- Listen to stories without interrupting
- Pay attention for short periods of time to adult-directed tasks
- Start to follow rules and recognize authority
- Speak understandably

## CARE FOR THEMSELVES

- Manage bathroom needs •Button shirts, pants, coats, and manage zippers
- Separate from parents without being upset
- Cut with scissors
- Bounce a ball
- Trace basic shapes
- Begin to share with others

## SHOW ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS

- Recognize rhyming sounds
- Understand actions have causes and effects
- Show understanding of general times of day
- Talk in complete sentences of five to six words
- Look at pictures and then tell stories
- Identify rhyming words and beginning sounds of some words
- Identify some letters of the alphabet
- Recognize common sight words
- Sort similar objects by color, size, and shape
- Recognize groups of one to five objects
- Count to ten

# SUMMER PART-TIME PRESCHOOL

## SCHEDULE

All classes are offered from June and July, running from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

For children aged 3 to those preparing for kindergarten.

- **2 Days a Week:** Tuesday and Thursday

## TYPICAL TERRIFIC TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS EXPERIENCE

- Reinforcement of Early Learning Standards
- Peer social experiences for growth
- Development of fine/gross motor skills
- Creative, summertime learning experiences

# SCHOOL-AGE CARE SUMMER CAMP

## SCHEDULE

All classes are offered from late May to Early August, running from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

For children who have completed Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Classes are held five days a week, from Monday to Friday.

## TYPICAL SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE

- Breakfast served every morning at 8:00 AM
- Twice a week Pool Days reserved for our Camp at Gulfwood Pool
- Field Trips weekly (Putt-Putt, Ripley's, Zoo Knoxville, etc.)
- Weekly Themes with Special Events and Bible focuses



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## REFERRAL REWARDS PROGRAM

Celebrating community growth while rewarding families who help us welcome new students into our school family.

AT CEDAR SPRINGS WEEKDAY SCHOOL,  
WE BELIEVE DEEPLY IN THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

Our families are the heart of our school, and we are incredibly grateful for the encouragement, joy, and connection you bring to our campus each day.



To SAY THANK YOU, WE'RE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE A REFERRAL PROGRAM THAT PLACES OUR BEST MARKETING INVESTMENT EXACTLY WHERE IT BELONGS—IN THE HANDS OF OUR FAMILIES.

### BUILDING A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

We believe that the strongest school communities are built through relationships and shared values. Who better to welcome new families into our school than those who already know and love WDS? Your enthusiasm and support help us cultivate a nurturing, Christ-centered school environment for every child.

### How DOES THE REFERRAL REWARDS PROGRAM WORK?

#### Refer a Family, Receive a Reward

For each new family you refer who enrolls at WDS and remains enrolled beyond 90 days, you will receive a \$200 tuition credit as our thank-you.

#### Mutual Enrollment Requirement

To qualify:

- The referring family and the newly enrolled family must both be actively enrolled at WDS.
- Both families must have a current tuition balance at the 90-day mark.

#### Referral Form Requirement

To receive the tuition credit, all referring parents must come in person to the WDS office to complete and submit a Referral Form.

- Forms must be completed at the time the referred family is enrolling.
- Referral credits cannot be applied retroactively.
- Email, verbal, or informal referrals do not qualify without a completed form submitted in person at the WDS office.

*This step ensures accuracy and allows us to properly honor your referral.*

**This Referral Rewards Program begins February 2026.  
Program details are subject to change at the discretion of WDS administration.**

# CELEBRATING 50+ YEARS



“The teachers  
**make**  
learning fun  
and prepare  
them so well  
**for school.**”

It was a very easy transition for my daughter when she started kindergarten.”

**Betsy Palk, parent**

“Amazing,  
**loving**  
and  
**caring**  
staff...”

**Anna Keck, parent of a 4-year-old enrolled in a preschool program and an 8-year-old participating in the SAC program**

“The staff has poured into our child and his  
**respect**  
of others is a direct result of this  
**nurturing environment.**”

**Andrea Heckman, parent**

“We love that Audrey is  
**smiling**  
each day  
when we  
**pick her up**  
and she always looks forward to telling us about her day!”

**Robin Lefler, parent**



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