

Welcome to Creative Play's Toddler Program

Registration for **Alumni & Church** members begin: January 15, 2025

Registration for **New Members** begin: February 5, 2025

Creative Play is a cooperative pre-school. Parent participation is imperative to the continuation of our program. The cooperative aspect of our program allows us to keep the tuition at a competitive rate and allows you to be fully engaged in your child's school experience. Each registered family participates as a teacher's helper in their child's classroom on a scheduled rotating basis. The cooperative days you are assigned are based on the number of days your child's class meets each week and the number of children in each classroom.

The Toddler classes are designed for two-year-old children who are ready to separate from their parents/guardians. The children in the Toddler classes are encouraged to play cooperatively and learn classroom routines, while exploring and learning new activities. In separating from their parents, the children are learning to trust other adults and to become increasingly more independent. The children will engage in group play; story time; art activities; music; movement and so much more. Throughout the class time children will begin to focus on name recognition, identifying colors and shapes, following direction and social interaction with peers. The goal of this class is to foster a love of learning and engaged play in a classroom setting.

We will do our best, but please be aware that we may not be able to accommodate your first choice due to classroom size and/ or availability at the time of your application remittance. Creative Play alumni, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church members along with our current Toddler families will be given priority in the application process.

The following classes will be available to your family providing we have the minimum enrollment required to proceed with each of the following classes:

We offer two models of Toddler classes:

One Day Toddler Class

The children in this program begin in September as a one hour, once a week class until November along with their parents or caregivers. The class then becomes a two hour drop off class with a teacher and helping parents working on a rotating basis. Classes are based on enrollment.

- Classes available Tuesday or Wednesday
- Meets in the Mornings at 9:30am
- Classes meet September through May
- Class size: 8 children
- Tuition is \$1,125.00 for the school year or 9 monthly payments of \$125.00.
- First and last month tuition is paid before the start of school.

Two day a week Toddler Class

This class meets September through May, two days a week for two hours. The program is designed for older two-year-old children who can participate in classroom situations without a parent or guardian present. A teacher leads the class, with parent helpers. The parents are assigned workdays throughout the school year. Classes are based on enrollment.

- Meets Tuesday & Thursday Mornings 9:45am-11:45am
- Meets Mondays & Thursday Mornings 9:45am-11:45am
- Classes meet September through May
- Class size: 8-12 children
- Tuition is \$2,250.00 for the school year or 9 monthly payments of \$250.00.
- First and last month non-refundable tuition is to be paid prior to the start of school, schedule to follow.

For both Toddler classes

- There is 1 classroom teacher.
- 1 or 2 helping parents (dependent on class size)
- Creative Play provides snacks and beverages to the Toddler classes.
- Creative Play is an allergy aware school.
- The staff is First Aid & CPR certified.
- The building is monitored by security cameras & door access control system.

For the school year 2025-2026 we are again making available to all families an "opt out" choice. By selecting this "opt out" choice, you will pay a predetermined amount to cover some or all your scheduled participation days in the classroom. The office will arrange to have your workdays covered after speaking with you and determining your needs. We understand families would love to attend Creative Play, but due to their own work schedule and other obligations cannot participate in the cooperative workdays.

All applications must be **completed** and be handed to the director or assistant director **along with:**

- A non-refundable registration fee of \$100.00
- A completed and signed toddler enrollment agreement
- A completed and signed allergy form
- A copy of your child's birth certificate

We will *not* accept an application without the above items.

Additional requirements

Medical records: All children entering school in September must have the most updated Required Health Examination Form (physical) and immunization record on file by September 1st, for your child to begin the school year.

Registration Fee: a \$100.00 **non-refundable** fee is collected upon registration. This fee helps offset the administrative cost of setting up your student in our system and helps keep your annual tuition at a competitive rate.

Plan of Action: If your child has allergies, there must be a plan of action completed by your child's physician on file with the school by September 1st. If your child has any other medical condition, please share that information with the Director.

The school policy is not to allow any products with peanuts or tree nuts to be served by our school. We understand there may be cross contamination throughout the building since we share the facilities with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Although we cannot provide an allergen-free environment due to the risk of accidental exposure (allergens may be present whether in food other students bring from home or food packaged in factories) we are considered **Allergy Aware** and will remain as diligent as possible when keeping our students with allergies safe.

Good Shepherd Creative Play is a non-profit organization. We are guided by an Executive Board and overseen by a Governance Board. The Executive Board is made up of the Director, two Officers and Committee Chairpersons. Every year we look for individuals to replace the members that are leaving our Executive Board. Board members chair our committees and meet four times a year to discuss school issues. Our board members are vital to the operation of our school. If you are interested in being involved, please see the director about any openings we may have.

We look forward to having your family as a part of our program. We are excited to make your child's school experience a successful and happy one. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school anytime at (845) 735-2737, and we will be happy to assist you.

Be well, be safe and be happy,

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