

## Our Schedule (2008-2009 school year)

### 3 Year Olds

Tuesday and Thursday 8:45 – 11:30 am

### 4 year olds

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:45 – 11:30 am.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:15 – 3:00 pm.

## Monthly Cost -(all checks made out to "Cross of Glory")

### 3 year old program

\$115.00 for 2 days a week.

### 4 year old program

\$125.00 for 3 days a week.

*There is financial consideration if there are one or more siblings in our program. Please contact the school for more info.*

## Registration

Pre-Registration begins January 8, 2008.

Open registration begins February 4, 2008.

There will be a \$55.00 nonrefundable registration fee, checks made out to "Cross of Glory." This covers the cost of mailings, payment envelopes, office supplies, etc...

***Please note that all 3 year olds must be 3 by September 1, 2008 and be potty trained.***



## Our Director

### Jamie Knutson

Director/teacher, has a BA in Early-Childhood Education, experience as a public school teacher (special education), and served for 6 years as director of Lord of Life Preschool.

## Further Information

If you have any other questions or would like a registration packet mailed to you please feel free to call us at 708-301-3883, ask for Jamie Knutson or email [Jamie@thewelcomeplace.org](mailto:Jamie@thewelcomeplace.org).

[www.TheWelcomePlace.org](http://www.TheWelcomePlace.org)



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## The Welcome Place Preschool!

This preschool is a ministry of Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. Our mission, vision, guiding principles, philosophy and methodology spring from those which guide our congregation. And at the very heart of this faith community is a commitment to being a welcome place for all people. Therefore, *all children are welcome* at The Welcome Place Preschool, regardless of religious affiliation, race, color, sex, natural and ethnic origin. We commit ourselves to offering a loving learning environment to all of God's children.

### Our Mission:

*Celebrating God...Sharing Christ...Today...with preschoolers and their families!*

### Our Vision:

*We are building a community of faith and character that has been set free to make a difference in the world...one family and one child at a time!*

### Our Guiding Principles:

Jesus is Lord!

Everyone is Welcome!

Love Changes People!

Everybody Has Something to Offer!

We Have Something The World Needs!

## Our Philosophy

Jesus has shown us that children have a special place in the heart of God (*Matthew 19:13-15*). Therefore, every single child at the Welcome Place is welcomed, loved just as they are, and valued for the unique gifts they bring. It is our goal to help children develop the gifts they have been given in order to grow up into individuals who know that they have been set free in order to make a positive difference in this world. Therefore, in a creative and challenging environment designed especially for preschoolers, children are met at their own developmental level and encouraged to identify and develop their gifts, and to grow and learn through play, hands-on exploration, and experimentation.

## Our Methodology

We believe that preschool children learn best, in a loving environment, through play. Therefore, each child is encouraged, during free play, to choose from a variety of developmentally appropriate activities. The child's learning is guided by his or her own active curiosity. Free play is a time for social interaction with peers and adults, problem solving, experimentation, creative expression, decision making, large and small muscle development, manipulation and exploration of their world.



## Our Learning & Growing Objectives

- An appreciation for their own uniqueness and that of each individual
- The values of love, joy, peace, courage, faith, generosity, and self-control that helps them grow into people of character
- The education and social skills they need to succeed in future educational experiences
- The unconditional love of Jesus and the presence of God in their everyday lives
- An excitement towards a lifelong love of learning

## Our Daily Activities

Each Day at The Welcome Place will include: prayer, music, art story time, large and small motor activities, dramatic play, and healthy snacks.

## Class Size

Our class size will ensure that each child receive special and individual attention. There will not be more than 10 students per teacher. (This also meets DCFS guidelines).

