

Dear Parents,

On behalf of Colonial Presbyterian Church, Colonial Child Development Center and our fine staff, I welcome you to our 46th year of "Growing Together in God's Love."

Our dedicated and well-trained teachers are eager to provide a stimulating and creative educational environment for your child, all the while surrounding him or her with their love and the love of the Lord. We commit ourselves to a deep concern for the overall intellectual, physical, social and emotional development of each child within a Christian environment seeking to instill sound Biblical values and virtues.

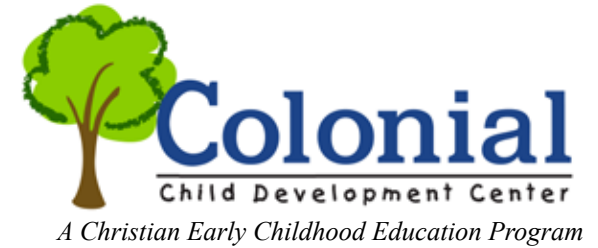
We also understand that you, as a parent, are your child's first and most important teacher, and we promise to support you in your efforts through opportunities for networking, fellowship and parenting classes.

It is our prayer that each child and family we are privileged to serve in our ministry of the heart will experience with us an exciting, fulfilling year of growing and learning together through the One who first loved us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Special Features

- **D**evelopmentally appropriate, theme-based curriculum uniquely designed by Colonial directors and teachers
- **S**trong spiritual component interwoven into every aspect of the curriculum and program; the Fruit of the Spirit verse from Galatians 5:22 is used to focus on teaching the 9 fruits as Christian virtues by which we live.
- **S**pecial Enrichment Classes:
Movement is Fun, Joyful Noise and Masterpieces
- **S**creenings for the children:
Vision Screening
Hearing Screening
Speech and Language Screening
- **S**pecial Events:
Muffins with Mom
Dad's Night
Children's Christmas Program
End of the Year Celebration Ceremony
- **T**wo highly trained teachers in every classroom
- **P**arents' Classes:
Kindergarten Readiness
Blue Prints for Parents



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Our Mission

It is our goal to provide a safe, happy, stimulating environment for the children permeated by our love for them and by God's love.

We will respect and accept the uniqueness of each child as we focus on their spiritual, physical, cognitive, and social/emotional development.

We will encourage a love for God, respect for authority, a love for school and learning, and provide a solid educational foundation for Kindergarten.

Our Philosophy

Our Curriculum Philosophy is based upon Luke 2:52

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Classroom Learning Centers

We've all heard the phrase "child's play." Our trained staff knows that child's play is the work of young children. Play and exploration is how they experience and learn about the world around them. We provide a wide array of opportunities for exploration in the learning centers in our classrooms, balanced with purposeful teacher-directed activities:

- Art Process and Exploration
- Blocks and Construction
- Dramatic Play/Home Living/Puppets
- Puzzles/Manipulatives/Mathematics
- Library Books/Felt Board Stories
- Sand and Water Play
- Science and Nature
- Fine Motor and Writing

Wisdom:
Cognitive
Development

Stature:
Physical
Development

God:
Spiritual
Development

Man:
Social/Emotional
Development

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“AND JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM...(Cognitive Development)

With the uniqueness of each child in mind, we will provide a learning environment that will help children develop a love for school and learning and an outstanding foundation for Kindergarten. To foster intellectual growth, our curriculum will include the areas of:

- Reading Readiness/Phonemic Awareness
- Fine Motor Coordination and Pre-writing Skills
- Mathematical Concepts/Numbers/ Problem Solving
- Science and Nature Concepts and Exploration
- Music and Rhythm
- Art Activities and Creativity

AND IN STATURE . . . (Physical Development)

Each day your child will have the opportunity to move and be physically active. He/she will have the opportunity to:

- Use and develop large and small muscles and coordination through play and planned motor activities.
- Develop body control, self and body awareness and left/right brain development through a sequential Movement is Fun physical education program.
- Play on outdoor and indoor large motor equipment.
- Learn about and practice good health and safety habits.
- Learn how to rest and relax.

AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD. . . (Spiritual Development)

In our church-affiliated school, your child will be taught these basic spiritual concepts:

- God is creator of the world and loves each one of us in a wonderful way.
- Jesus is God’s son who is alive and is our best friend.
- The Bible is a special book that tells us about God and Jesus.
- Prayer is talking to God anytime, any place.
- The church is a special place to worship God.

AND MAN.” (Social/Emotional Development)

We will strive to help your child:

- Understand their own feelings and appreciate the feelings of others.
- Feel they are a unique individual who is loved and accepted.
- Be independent in their self-help skills.
- Accept loving authority and direction.
- Enjoy playing with others in a group.
- Discover a joy for learning.
- Learn to share and take turns.
- Learn to cope with frustrations and fears.



Toddlers & Two Year Olds

Large and small motor coordination; concept vocabulary development and expansion; social skills, parallel play and cooperative play; imagination and creativity; learn about Jesus’ love for us and others

Three Year Olds

Speaks in complete sentences; shape and color recognition; counts to 10; recites alphabet; coloring, cutting and fine motor development; sorting objects; developing self control; ability to take turns; picks up toys; follows two step instructions; introduction to Fruit of the Spirit Bible verses and Bible stories

Four Year Olds

Beginning pencil/writing/drawing skills; counts to 20; counts with one to one correlation; begins to recognize consonant sounds; recognizes printed name; rhyming words; follows two to three step instructions; beginning problem solving skills; plays well with others; memorization of Fruit of the Spirit Bible verses; learns Bible stories

Five Year Olds

Counts to 100; recognizes alphabet letters and numerals 1-10; prints name; draws simple shapes and figures; follows three step instructions; phonics skills; short word recognition; knows address and phone number; sequencing skills; problem solving skills; memorization of Fruit of the Spirit Bible verses, the 23rd Psalm and additional verses; knows and can retell Bible stories



Upper Division Themes

September: Back to School; Senses; God Created Me; Creation Story

October: Fall; Insects; Fire Safety; the Story of Moses

November: Transportation; Family; Thanksgiving; the Story of David

December: Christmas; the birth of Jesus

January: Winter; Snow; Bears; Birds; Jesus Grows

Upper Division Themes

February: Valentines; Postman; Feelings; Nutrition/Health; the Good Samaritan

March: Community Helpers; Weather; Dinosaurs; Zoo Animals; Noah's Ark

April: Earth/Sky/Space; Springtime; Butterflies; the Easter Story

May: Farm Animals; Sea/Water; Jonah and the Whale

Lower Division Themes

Me & My Body; My Family; My Neighborhood; Fire Fighters; Police Officers; Fruits and Vegetables; Sun & Clouds; Wheels & Vehicles; Winter/Snow; Bears; Farm Animals; Zoo Animals; Springtime; Butterflies, Bumble Bees and Bugs; Shapes; Colors; Counting; Jesus; Noah; Jonah; Moses

We use a theme-based curriculum designed to stimulate the interests of young children while broadening their range of concepts, experiences and abilities both academically and spiritually.



Movement Is Fun (MIF)

The sequentially planned activities in our movement class provide important opportunities for the development of children's tactile, vestibular and proprioceptive systems, as well as aiding in the acquisition of postural abilities and balance, bilaterality and motor skills. When these systems are developed and working well, academic skills automatically build on this base. Our movement class provides healthy exercise and aids in creating the brain paths that make learning possible. But most importantly, all the jumping, hopping, balancing, touching and more are just a whole lot of FUN!

Joyful Noise

Our music class also provides important learning opportunities, capitalizing on the fact that young children love to sing. Singing, playing instruments and moving to songs the children enjoy enables them to express emotions. Our music class also fosters creativity, expands vocabularies, teaches concepts and improves body and spatial awareness and coordination. We'll be learning about rhythm, tempo, pitch, and instruments and their families and sounds. We are sure your child will come home singing!

Masterpieces

Our art enrichment class takes the children beyond their regular classroom art exploration experiences and introduces them to the works of renowned artists. They will explore the techniques used and have an opportunity to practice those techniques and create their own beautiful masterpieces. We are amazed by their work!