#### **Philosophy**

The Shawnigan Christian Preschool bases its beliefs and values on a relationship with a loving God. Our care and commitment to the family is demonstrated with a sound preschool education that models and teaches God's love. Play is an important part of the child's development. Learning occurs when children are interested, involved in, practice, and can relate experiences to their immediate world. Therefore, children need a carefully planned environment in which to explore and play. We offer an environment that provides:

Loving and consistent care.

A balanced curriculum that helps your child gain confidence in a group setting.

Opportunities to embrace, demonstrate and encourage expression of values such as respect, concern for others, thankfulness and appreciation of the environment and community.

An opportunity to learn Biblical values expressed through creative stories, drama and a variety of music and songs.

Opportunities to explore a wide range of stimulating materials and creatively enriching activities.

A variety of play centers that foster spiritual, social, physical, intellectual, creative, and emotional growth.

Our teachers recognize the needs of a family and are committed to working with parents/guardians to foster a positive preschool experience. We not only welcome a child into our program, we welcome a family!

#### Shawnigan Christian Early Learning Program

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you lie down and when you get up"

Deuteronomy 6:4-7.



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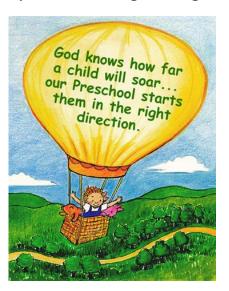
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# Shawnigan Christian Preschool

## Early Learning Program



## Our Purpose:

To prepare children for school with a curriculum based on foundational Christian I deals and ethics that care for the spiritual, social, physical, intellectual, creative, and emotional development of each child.

Welcome!



Shawnigan Christian Preschool is a nonprofit organization providing a service to the South Cowichan Community. The government-certified preschool staff provide a fun and educational experience for ages 2.5 to 5 years old from September to June. your child will be challenged in all areas of development; spiritual, social, physical, intellectual, creative, and emotional.

#### Classes

Shawnigan Christian Early Learning Program offers a mixed-aged class, **up to** five days a week. Monday to Friday. The classes run from 8:45 to 2 pm



## **Parent Involvement**

We keep an open-door policy for parents who wish to visit us, ask questions, and make suggestions. We ensure the success of your child's preschool experience through close cooperation between parents and the preschool staff.

#### **Fees**

The Early Learning Program is committed to being financially self-sufficient. Expenses for the year are based on tuition fees and government child care operating program funding and are divided into 10 equal monthly payments. We are unable to reduce fees for statutory holidays, or absences. Your monthly fee guarantees that your child retains their spot in the program. Assistance with fees may be available through the government via the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative and Affordable Child Care Benefit.

#### **School Calendar**

The Preschool will run following the public-school calendar and holidays. You can find this on School District 79's website. We do not close for school district professional development days.



Food

During Preschool, we have snack and lunch. We ask you to supply one or two nutritious snacks like fruit, yogurt, crackers, and cheese etc. and an additional lunch in containers they can identify and manage on their own.

### A typical day at Preschool:

**Arrival:** Most days, despite the West Coast weather we start outside with a variety of different toys.

#### **Welcome Circle:**

Calendar and Weather time

Songs

Theme Focus

Discussion

Prayer

Snack

## Free Play/Learning Centers:

Sensory Table

Arts and Crafts

Paint

Puzzle and Games

**Books** 

Puppet Theatre

Dramatic Play

**Blocks** 

Floor Toys

Clean up

**Lunch Time:** 

Show and Tell

**Quiet reading** 

Fine motor skills

Free Play:

Playdough

Colouring

Books

Puzzles etc.

### Large Circle Time;

Story/Fingerplays/Drama

Songs

## **Outside Time:**

Wide games

Free Play

This schedule is subject to change because of guests, special events or just because ... it is a Preschool based program !