## Calendar

Our program observes the same holidays and days off as the Seminole County School District, with a few exceptions. School calendars will be distributed on the first day of school.

### Curriculum

Our teaching staff is dedicated to making the Lakeside Preschool an interactive and fun learning experience for children. Our classrooms for 18 months through five years old are arranged into play-learning centers. Children will be provided with a variety of activities and materials from which to choose, thereby learning and developing his/her own God-given uniqueness.

We have a well-planned curriculum that provides a teaching theme for each week. The activities are organized around the themes, using learning centers that include: art, dramatic play, science/nature, fine motor skills, math, finger plays, rhymes, and group time. The weekly schedule includes a music class for all students' enrichment time, art, as well as an expanded playground time to include a certified outdoor classroom. Vayside Dr. Vayside Dr. CR 46-A H.E. Thomas II N. Henderson Lane Sanford, FL 32771 407-330-6560 Www.lakesideumc.net One block west of the Lake Forest Publix.



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"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him."

Marti Pacheco, Director

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# Teacher Requirements

All staff members are required to have 45 hours from 4C in Early Childhood Education. Teachers have CDA/CDS certifications, a B.A. degree in Elementary or Early Childhood Education, or are currently working towards a degree or certification. All staff members are fingerprinted and background checked by local, state, and federal agencies.

All staff members have an annual 15 hour continuing education requirement and are also certified in child First Aid and CPR.

### Classroom Ratio

There will be one teacher and one assistant in each classroom. The class sizes will follow licensing guidelines set by the State of Florida Department of Children & Families.



## Purpose

The Lakeside Preschool program is a part of our ministry at Lakeside UMC. It is a Christian weekday early childhood education program for children between the ages of 18 months and five years. We are committed to providing a safe and loving environment where each child will be guided to grow spiritually, cognitively, emotionally, socially, and physically through developmentally appropriate practices that allow them to grow as God designed. It is our highest goal that each child experience God's love and the foundation be laid that will ultimately lead them into a personal relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

## Philosophy

God's word says children are "a gift from the Lord" (Psalm 127:3). Because this preschool is Bible-based and Christ-centered, we see each child as highly valued and unique. We recognize that every child develops differently and therefore, will be loved, encouraged, respected, protected, and taught as the individual God created them to be.

# Waiting List

After a classroom's enrollment is filled, a waiting list is formed. Once there is an opening, the parent first on the list is called to fill that spot.



## Schedule

#### **4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM**

M-F	9 a.m.—Noon VPK only
M-F	9 a.m.—2 p.m.

### **3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM**

T/TH	9 a.m.—2 p.m.
M/W/F	9 a.m.—2 p.m.
M-F	9 a.m.—2 p.m.

### **Older 2 YEAR OLD PROGRAM**

T/TH	9 a.m.—Noon
M/W/F	9 a.m.—Noon

#### Younger 2 YEAR OLD PROGRAM

T/TH 9 a.m.—Noon M/W/F 9 a.m.—Noon (starting at 18 months)

Your child must be the class age on or before September 1st of the current year.