



We are happy to tell you about our Preschool and Discovery Days programs. We believe, and research supports our belief, that early childhood years are critically important to a child's long term development. We are pleased to be able to support each child's growth within a developmentally appropriate, loving and spiritually enriched environment.

## About Us

Our Mission: As a ministry of Aldersgate United Methodist Church we strive to provide opportunities within a Christian atmosphere to meet the educational, social and spiritual needs of young children and their families in both the congregation and the community.

Our curriculum is designed to provide a variety of experiences suited to the developmental level and maturity of each child. We believe that play is the universal language of children. Our developmental approach recognizes that children develop and reach specific stages of growth. Each child is unique in his or her developmental growth time sequence. We see it as our job to recognize where each child is and then to facilitate his or her growth to the next level.

We endeavor to foster each child's growth in the following skill areas:

- Social/emotional
- Large & Fine Motor skills
- Self help/school readiness
- Language development
- Cognitive skills

## Our Objectives

We strive toward:

- Providing young children with a positive experience in what is often their first involvement in an organized program away from their parents.
- Helping children see themselves as God's special creation: competent, unique and lovable.
- Nurturing children's natural excitement for exploration, discovery and learning.
- Developing children's skills for interacting with other people: children and adults.
- Fostering children's abilities and interest in books, art, language, cognitive skills, large and small motor activities and music.
- Nurturing each child's spiritual life, building a relationship with God through songs, prayer, stories and worship.

## Preschool

Classes run from late August through mid-May. We offer many options for our preschool children. A low teacher-child ratio benefits all classes.

Each day we offer a variety of activities including: teacher-directed circle and small groups, individual choice time, snack, large motor and playground time. Children experience a curriculum filled with activities that encourage the development of age appropriate learning objectives. Please see our website, [www.aldersgatepreschool.com](http://www.aldersgatepreschool.com) for a listing of our learning objectives.

We offer additional programming in the form of:

- Extended days are called Lunch & Learn or Brunch & Learn. Children enjoy art, literature, story, a Spanish word & Bible verse of the day, a special focus such as science, etc. All children bring their own lunches and are required to rest for a short time.
- Enrichment classes offer an additional class time. These classes include curriculum that is geared to the age level learning objectives. There is a strong emphasis on science, art, cooking, and drama.
- Summer Camp: This one or two day a week option is scheduled over 5 weeks. The majority of the camp is in June. Information about this program is available in March.
- Curbside arrival & dismissal: In late October children in the preschool classes have the option of exiting their cars at the curb, with teacher's assistance, and also walking out to cars at dismissal, again with teacher assistance. During September and early October in order to familiarize children with the routine and building and to build parent/teacher relationships, families walk children into the building.

## Discovery Days & Preschool Lite

This program offers a safe, loving environment for our youngest children to acclimate to a program away from his or her parents. Classes run from late August through mid-May. We have an ease-in schedule at the beginning of the school year to help children adjust in the most stress-free way.

Children will experience a curriculum that encourages independence, socialization, skill growth, language and spirituality.

A morning snack is provided. Children enrolled in the optional Stay Day program bring a lunch and have a rest time. Children from Discovery Days 1 and 2 and Preschool Lite classes combine for Stay Day.

Families walk children into the building for these programs.

Preschool Lite is set up with a two-day schedule that is similar to our preschool classes.

The Discovery Days classes and curriculum is set up as a one day a week program.

# Details

## Enrollment Fee:

New child or family— \$100 year      Returning child/family— \$55/\$100 year

## Preschool and Discovery Day Classes

Due to health regulations all children enrolled in any 3 and 4 year old class must be potty trained—this means no pull-ups. (Discovery Days, Brown and Green PS Lite classes are not required to be potty trained.)

Class	Program	Ratio	Day	Time	Tuition	Birthdate
<b>Discovery Days*</b> (1 or 2 days)	Older 1 yr olds and young 2 yr olds	2 teachers* w/8 children	M,T,W, TH or F	8:45-11:15am	\$95/month per day enrolled	3/1/17—12/31/17 <b>and walking</b>
<b>Green*</b> Preschool Lite	older 2 yr olds & young 3 yr olds	2 teachers* w/14 children	M/TH	8:45-11:15am	\$145/month	5/1/16—2/29/17
<b>Brown*</b> Preschool Lite	older 2 yr olds & young 3 yr olds	2 teachers* w/14 children	T/F	8:45-11:15am	\$145/month	5/1/16—2/29/17
<b>Disc. Days &amp; Preschool Lite Stay Day</b>	Disc Days and Preschool Lite DD & PSL combined	2 teachers w/8 children	T, W, or Th <b>Limited to 1 day a week</b>	11:15-2:30pm	\$65/month	Discovery Days and Preschool Lite kids
<b>Yellow</b> Preschool	3/4 yr olds	4 teachers w/24 children	T/TH	8:45-11:15am	\$145/month	9/1/15—8/31/16 <b>and potty trained</b>
<b>Orange</b> Preschool	3/4 yr old	4 teachers w/24 children	W/F	8:45-11:15am	\$145/month	9/1/15—8/31/16 <b>and potty trained</b>
<b>Purple</b> Preschool	older 3/4 yr olds	3 teachers w/22 children	W/F	8:45-11:15am	\$145/month	9/1/15—1/31/16 <b>and potty trained</b>
<b>Blue AM</b> Preschool	young 4/5 yr olds	3 teachers w/24 children	M/T/TH	8:45-11:15am	\$175/month	2/1/15— 8/31/15 <b>and potty trained</b>
<b>Blue PM</b> Preschool	young 4/5 yr olds	3 teachers w/22 children	T/W/TH	12:15-2:45pm	\$175/month	2/1/15— 8/31/15 <b>and potty trained</b>
<b>Red AM</b> Preschool	older 4/5 yr olds & growth year	3 teachers w/24 children	M/T/TH	8:45-11:15am	\$175/month	9/1/14—1/31/15 & growth yr kids
<b>Red PM</b> Preschool	older 4/5 yr olds & growth year	3 teachers w/22 children	T/W/TH	12:15-2:45pm	\$175/month	9/1/14—1/31/15 & growth yr kids
<b>Preschool Lunch &amp; Learn</b>	extended day for AM classes	3 or 4 teachers w/18-24 children	T, W, or TH <b>Limited to 1 day a week</b>	11:15-2:45pm	\$80/month	3 yr old and older kids combined
<b>Preschool Brunch &amp; Learn</b>	extended day for PM classes	2 or 3 teachers w/16-24 children	W	8:45-12:15am	\$80/month	Blue PM & Red PM kids
<b>3 year old Enrichment</b>	3/4 yr olds	3 or 4 teachers w/18-24 children	M	8:45-11:15am	\$80/month	Orange, Yellow & Purple kids
<b>Red/Blue Enrichment</b>	4/5 yr olds	3 or 4 teachers w/18-24 children	F	8:45-11:15am	\$80/month	Blue & Red kids

\*These classes share a helper during much of the day. This person is in addition to the numbers noted in the staff/child ratios.

## Additional Information

We encourage you to visit our website: [www.aldersgatepreschool.com](http://www.aldersgatepreschool.com) and our preschool blog: [www.aldersgatepreschool.blog](http://www.aldersgatepreschool.blog). These should give you a broader feel for who we are and what we do at Aldersgate Preschool.

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