



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, Bible 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, 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, <https://www.aldersgateumc-ks.org/aldersgate-preschool-plus/>, for a listing of our learning objectives.

We offer additional programming in the form of:

- Extended Days: Children enjoy art, literature, a Bible verse of the day, and a special focus such as science, music, etc. Our 3s classes bring their own lunches to eat at this time. Our Red and Blue classes eat their lunch earlier in the day, but enjoy an afternoon snack during Extended Day.
- Enrichment : This is 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.

Discovery Days & Preschool Lite

These programs 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 Extended Day program bring a lunch. Children from Discovery Days and Preschool Lite classes combine for Extended Day.

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 with the option to request a second day if space is available.

[Additional Information](#)

We encourage you to visit our website: <https://www.aldersgateumc-ks.org/aldersgate-preschool-plus/> and our preschool blog:

www.aldersgatepreschool.blog. These should give you a broader feel for who we are and what we do at Aldersgate Preschool.

Enrollment Fee:

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

Classes Options 2021-2022

Red Classes (Pre-K) (birth date between September 2016 and January 2017 & those choosing a growth year before Kindergarten)

Tuition: \$175 a month

Enrichment (Friday): \$80 a month

Extended Day \$50 a month per day

Monday/Wednesday (up to 24 children with 3 teachers)

- Meets **Monday and Wednesdays for a four hour** session (8:45-12:45)
- Children will bring a lunch each day.
- These classes have the OPTION to add Friday morning enrichment for a 2.5 hour session. These Enrichment classes are Fridays, in their own room and will only have children from their same class.

This class has the option of extending their Wednesday to 2:45pm. Children will have a short quiet time as required by health regulations.

Tuesday/Thursday (24 children with 3 teachers)

- Meets **Tuesday and Thursday for a four hour** session (8:45-12:45)
- Children will bring a lunch each day.
- There is no enrichment option for this class
- This class has the option of extending their Tuesday and/or Thursday to 2:45pm. Children will have a short quiet time as required by health regulations.

Blue Classes (young 4s) (birth date between February 2017 and August 2017)

Tuition: \$175 a month

Enrichment (Friday): \$80 a month

Extended Day: \$50 a month per day

Monday/Wednesday (up to 24 children with 3 teachers)

- Meets **Monday and Wednesdays for a four hour** session (8:45-12:45)
- Children will bring a lunch each day.
- These classes have the OPTION to add Friday morning enrichment for a 2.5 hour session. These Enrichment classes are Fridays, in their own room and will only have children from their same class.

This class has the option of extending their Wednesday to 2:45pm. Children will have short quiet time as required by health regulations.

Tuesday/Thursday (up to 24 children with 3 teachers)

- Meets **Tuesday and Thursday for a four hour** session (8:45-12:45)
- Children will bring a lunch each day.
- There is no enrichment option for this class
- This class as the option of extending their Tuesday and/or Thursday to 2:45pm. Children will have short quiet time as required by health regulations.

Extended Day (1.5 hours): \$40 a month

Enrichment (Friday): \$80 a month

Three-Year-Olds (birth date between September 2017 and August 2018 —must be potty-trained)

A child enrolled in any of the three-year-old classes can choose any of the following two options listed below. All classes are 2.5 hours (8:45-11:15). They will have the option to extend one or two days of their class to 12:45. These children will bring a lunch, but will have no rest time.

Tuition (for 2 days a week): \$145.00

Extended Day (1.5 hours): \$40 a month per day Enrichment (Friday): \$80 a month

Three's Monday/Wednesday (up to 20 children with 3 teachers)

- Meets **Monday and Wednesday for a 2.5 hour session** (8:45-11:15)
- This class has the OPTION to extend 1.5 hours on Wednesday – children will bring a lunch but have no rest time.
- This class has the Enrichment OPTION on Fridays (8:45-11:15am)

Three's Tuesday/Thursday (up to 20 children with 3 teachers)

- Meets **Tuesday and Thursday for a 2.5 hour session** (8:45-11:15)
- This class has the OPTION to extend 1.5 hours on Tuesday and/or Thursday – children will bring a lunch but have no rest time.
- There is no enrichment option for this class.

Preschool Lite Classes (Older twos)

(birth date between May 2018 and February 2019 – does not have to be potty trained)

These classes meet two mornings a week, 8:45-11:15am. They will have the option to extend one or two days of their class to 12:45. These children will bring a lunch, but will have no rest time.

Tuition (for two days a week): \$145 a month

Extended day (1.5 hours): \$40 a month per day Enrichment Option (Fridays): \$80 a month

Monday/Wednesday (up to 14 children with 2 teachers and a third teacher for part of the morning)

- Meets Monday and Wednesday (2.5 hours, 8:45-11:15am)
- This class has the OPTION to extend Wednesday to 12:45 – children will bring a lunch but have no rest time
- This class has the OPTION to add an Enrichment class on Fridays, 8:45-11:15am.

Tuesday/Thursday (up to 14 children with 2 teachers and a third teacher for part of the morning)

- Meets Tuesday and Thursday (2.5 hours, 8:45-11:15)
- This class has the OPTION to extend Tuesday and/or Thursday to 12:45. Children will bring a lunch but have no rest time
- There is no enrichment option for this class.

Discovery Days (20 months-2.5 years)

(birth date between March 2019-December 2019 – does not have to be potty trained)

8 Children with 2 teachers and a third teacher for part of the morning.

Class offered Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (2.5 hours, 8:45-11:15)

Children can enroll in one or two days

Tuition: \$95 a month (for each day you enroll)

Extended day: \$40 a month (for each day you enroll) Extended day is offered Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday. Children will bring a lunch but have no rest time.