## We Offer

Little Lambs strives to provide opportunities for children to learn in many ways.

- **Programming** encourages respect of others while fostering a sense of responsibility for oneself and individual actions that helps prepare each child for the school years ahead.
- Small class size (5:1 ratio) allows for children's needs to be addressed, whether to move on to more advanced skills, or reinforcing areas of concern, allowing the child to grow and mature at their own rate as they prepare for kindergarten.
- Balanced programming allows staff to assist the child in his/her style of learning
- Kindergarten readiness skills to help prepare four-year-old students for success in kindergarten. Little Lambs uses guidelines of area school districts.

### Hours & Class Options

All classes: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon (Three hours per day)

For children ages 3, 4 & 5 Tuesday/Thursday \$220/200\*/month Monday/Wednesday/Friday \$280/260\*/month

For children at least 4 years old

\$395/375\*/month Monday—Friday

\*\$20/month tuition discount for those who sign up for automatic payment, or for those who pay by semester.

\$60/family non-refundable registration fee required to register and hold a child's spot in a class. Music instructor fee: \$100/vear: Snack fee: based on days of attendance: \$50.\$70;\$120/year.

- Registration for the upcoming year opens February 24 to current & past Little Lambs families and members of Immanuel Lutheran Church.
- Community registration opens March 3.
- Registration continues until classes reach capacity.
- Late August: Family Orientation Meeting •
- Little Lambs Preschool begins classes the day after Labor Day and concludes the week before Memorial Day.
- Little Lambs Preschool follows the calendar of the DeKalb District #428 for holidays.

#### Our Day

- \* Circle Time: Lively discussion about the theme, weather, calendar, assignment of classroom jobs, number and/or letter of the week.
- **Discovery Time:** Use of themes and fun activities help to encourage a child's desire to learn about their world, with time for discovery through hands-on experiences, art projects, learning centers, group work, and motor activities.
- \* Small Motor Development: Various fun & creative techniques of sensory exploration to foster small muscle control for skills such as cutting and writing. As children progress they practice writing upper and lower case letters, and learn sounds of vowels and consonants.
- \* **Music:** Creative weekly music class led by a certified music instructor.
- \* Chapel: Informal Bible story and songs led by Pastor Marty each week.
- \* Snacks: Time each day to re-energize and socialize while enjoying healthy snacks. Cooking is sometimes incorporated into the day.
- \* Bible Time: Bible themes are incorporated into daily class activities through music, science, art and stories as well as Weekly Chapel talks with Biblical themes
- \* Math, Science, and Reading: These concepts are incorporated within table, circle, group, and discovery times. Concepts of numbers, numerical sequence, and value.
- \* Active Play/Gross Motor Development: An outdoor fenced in playground, newly expanded and upgraded in 2022, for gross motor skill development. On days with inclement weather time is spent in a large indoor play area with newly upgraded climbers, bikes and scooters.
- \* Washroom Routine: A great opportunity for practicing toilet and handwashing habits through peer role modeling.

#### Special Programming and Enhanced Learning Opportunities

Trunk-or-Treat Special Guest Day **Field Trips** Spring & fall parent/teacher conferences

**Thanksgiving Feast Special Guest Speakers** 

**Christmas Program** Spring Sing **Community Service Projects** Class Parties "Graduation" Picnic "Mystery" Readers





#### Enrollment Reguirements

- Classes open to children ages three to five years.
- A child must be potty-trained.
- A child should be a minimum of three years old to begin class.
  - Children are divided into classes based on age and preschool, daycare or organized social experience,.

Preschool vision and hearing screening available

 Little Lambs Preschool is open to all children and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national and ethnic origin

#### Tuition Assistance:



- DeKalb 4-C's Illinois Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP) 4-C (parent must be employed or attending classes) Applications and information are available through 4-C's at 815-758-8149. or https://www.four-c.org/apply-child-care.
- Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Benefits
- State of Illinois Assistance IDHS Assistance.



## we are excited to introduce ourselves to you! Little Lambs Preschool's primary

Little Lambs Preschool's primary purpose is to provide a quality, loving Christian atmosphere to encourage growth for children and their families by providing a loving and safe environment that fosters social, academic and spiritual health. We feel that a quality education in a Christian setting is important for all children.

Little Lambs Preschool utilizes both an academic & Christian-based curriculum. Our staff works in partnership with families in forming a foundation. In this setting, we strive to provide rich educational experiences. It is through partnership and positive example that children are most successful.

Little Lambs Preschool, a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church, was established as a Christian Preschool in 1996 with a desire to serve the community through education, care and service. We do this in response to the Biblical teaching:

> "Bring up a child in the way he should go." —Proverbs 22:6







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Little Lambs Preschool is licensed by the State of Illinois, Little Lambs follows all CDC guidelines in cooperation with DCFS to help ensure the health and safety of each child.





# Learn, explore & grow with us!

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