



FAQ Sheet

ELIM PRESCHOOL

"A Foundation of Faith for Life"

What do you teach?

We provide a strong foundation academically and socially to prepare children for kindergarten. We use the Core Knowledge® curriculum sequence to teach a "core" of competencies in five broad areas: Autonomy & Social Skills, Language Development, Work Habits, Movement & Coordination, and Knowledge & Cognitive Development (which includes math, science, music, and visual arts). Since current research shows that early literacy skills are the best predictor of future school success, oral language and pre-reading skills are a major focus.

What does it mean that you are faith-based?

Core Knowledge is *what* we teach, and the Christian faith is the basis for *how* we teach it. We value each student as a gift from God and honor the way they are created and how they learn best. Our teachers are kind and compassionate and will guide the children in respecting one another. We will say a prayer before snack, use stories from the Bible and sing "*Jesus Loves Me*" at the close of each day. Children of any faith are welcome and will be treated with respect.

What ages do you serve?

Children ages 3 to 5 years old. Children must be 3 when they begin attending preschool.

When are your classes?

Two Sessions per Week..... Tues/Thur, 9:00-11:30 AM and 1:00-3:30 PM

Three Sessions per Week..... Mon/Wed/Fri, 9:00-11:30 AM and 1:00-3:30 PM

Four to Ten Sessions per Week... (accomplished by combining above classes)

Can I drop off early or pick up late?

We offer three options to extend the school day Monday through Friday:

Morning Romp..... 8:00-9:00 AM or **Afternoon Romp**..... 3:30-4:30 PM

Parents may drop off their children anytime after 8:00 AM or pick up their children after 3:30 but before 4:30 PM. Children will be supervised in the playroom for each of these 60 minute times.

Lunch Bunch..... 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Kids bring their own lunches from home and participate in enrichment activities. Parents may register for Lunch Bunch one, two, three, four or five days a week. Lunch Bunch can be used on an as-needed basis if there are openings.

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What do you do in a normal day?

- Independent choices (art, puzzles, blocks, journals, games, creative play)
- Circle time (stories, songs, calendar, math and science concepts)
- Literacy activities (letter names and sounds, poems, rhymes, class writing)
- Wash hands, snack, individual book time
- Large muscle (playroom, group games in gym or Kids' Park)

What is the student to teacher ratio?

There are up to 18 students per class with a ratio of one teacher to 9 students. When there are more than 9 students in a class we have a second teacher in the classroom. Our Lead Teachers are certified to teach early childhood education.

How much does it cost?

Registration Fee is \$50 and is non-refundable. The tuition table below shows the standard class times that are selected; however, we are creative and will work with you to establish a schedule that works for you and your child. The monthly fees listed below are to be made in nine monthly payments with no adjustment to be made for days absent, due the first week of the month (September-April). The last month's (May 2016) tuition is due when you register or by August 10th. A Sliding Fee Scale is available for those who are in need of financial assistance. The monthly fee for full time students attending Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm is \$790.

Preschool 2-sessions/week	\$108/month	Lunch Bunch: 2-days/week	\$75/month
Preschool 3-sessions/week	\$162/month	Lunch Bunch: 3-days/week	\$120/month
Preschool 5-sessions/week	\$270/month	Lunch Bunch: 5-days/week	\$160/month
Morning Romp: 2-days/week	\$25/month	Afternoon Romp: 2-days/week	\$25/month
Morning Romp: 3-days/week	\$35/month	Afternoon Romp: 3-days/week	\$35/month
Morning Romp: 5-days/week	\$45/month	Afternoon Romp: 5-days/week	\$45/month

How do I register?

Registration forms are available from the Director or the Elim Church office. Fill out the form and return it along with the \$50 registration fee. Confirmation letters are mailed during the summer. The required health forms will also be mailed with the confirmation letter and are due by the first day of school.

Nondiscriminatory Policy

Elim Preschool does not discriminate. Any child regardless of race, color, ethnic origin, religion, family structure or source of payment may be enrolled and receive the full benefits of our school readiness program.

When does preschool begin?

Parents and students are invited to meet the teachers during the Open House on Monday, September 7th between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Preschool begins on Tuesday or Wednesday, Sept. 8 or 9. Parents are asked to stay the first day to attend a required parent meeting (the only one all year!). If your child cannot continue at Elim Preschool, please give us two weeks notice. The school year finishes the end of May.