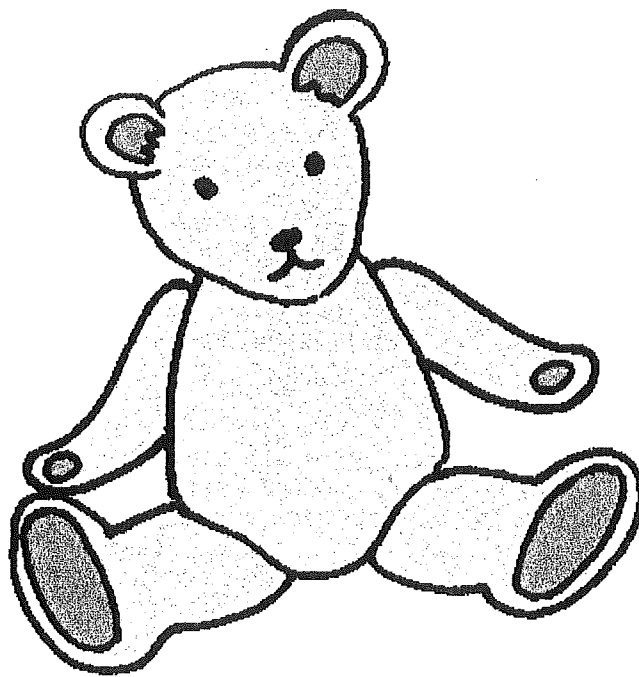


The Three's Booklet



Welcome to the Three's!

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about the three year old class your child is attending.

About our focus

Our focus for your child is to have him/her:

- Recognize and write their first name
- Introduce the alphabet
- Identify numbers 1-10
- Know their basic shapes
- Know their basic colors
- Learn to cut with scissors
- Learn to glue crafts
- Building self esteem
- Learning responsibility
- Be encouraged to make lasting relationships
- **HAVE LOTS OF FUN!!**

About Special Events

Throughout the year, the three year olds will participate in many special events. If your child does not attend school on the day of the special event and you would like for your child to participate, you must stay with your child during the entire event and he/she will be your responsibility.

- Trick or treating
- Thanksgiving Party
- Thanksgiving feast
- Christmas party
- Christmas lunch
- Valentines exchange
- Valentine lunch
- Easter egg hunt
- Bicycle rodeo
- Pizza party

Our class Schedule

9:00 Opening Assembly

The children enter the assembly room for a daily Bible story, songs and activities, which are all lead by Ms. Sarah, the director. Following these activities, we say the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Lord's Prayer. All children 18 months and older participate.

Please make sure to take your child's belongings to the classroom either before or after entering the assembly room to drop off your child.

No food or drinks are allowed in Morning Assembly, including toys. This can be a big distraction for the other children and usually when one child brings a toy or stuffed animal, it takes the attention away from Ms. Sarah. They are more interested in the toy than listening and participating with the group. If your child does come to morning assembly with a toy, I will ask them to put it away or I will hold it until after Assembly.

9:15 Snack time/Restrooms

Snack is given after morning assembly in the classroom. This is usually cookies, crackers, dried cereal etc. and juice. If your child is on a special diet or is allergic to certain foods, please notify the office and myself.

9:30 Specialty

The children attend specialty class everyday for 25 minutes. They enjoy the time away from the classroom and are introduced to different activities. The children really love this time and look forward to going - each day is different and filled with something new.

10:00 Centers/Craft activity

During center time, the children have the opportunity to have free play with their friends and move about the room choosing what they would like to play with. Everyday four different types of fine motor/manipulative toys are taken out for the children to play with. There are an assortment of toys from stamps, markers, beads, strings, baby dolls, cars, Legos, building blocks, puzzles and many more manipulative toys. While the children are playing, I will have two to five children come to the table to work on their craft. Having only two to five at a time allows me to spend more quality time with the children to assure that they understand what we are making and that they understand the directions. This is also the time that I help your child learn to write their name and review colors, shapes, cutting and worksheets.

10:30 Playground/Restrooms

If weather permits we go outside for about 30 minutes (sometimes longer if we did an easy craft). If it is really hot and the children are requesting to go in, we will go in earlier than normal. After all, they are the ones running and playing, so they get hot pretty quickly. (Water is always offered on the playground during the hot months).

11:00 Circle Time/Restrooms

All the class gathers on the carpet to have circle time where we sing songs, play group games and do flannel board stories. We also talk about the theme of the week and read books that are related to the theme. During this time we also learn about shapes, colors, numbers and the alphabet.

12:00 Lunch/Restrooms

Please make sure that if you bring your child's lunch from home, that you pack a drink and spoon (if needed). I am not able to leave the classroom and if you forget something in your child's lunch, it will be very difficult for me to get what they need.

12:30 Nap

All three year olds are required to remain on their mats during naptime. If your child has "outgrown" their nap, we ask that they remain still and quiet and not disturb others who are napping.

2:00 Wake up/Restrooms

I start to wake everyone up around 2 o'clock.

NO blankets, pillows, toys and clothes can be left at the school for us to store. We share the facilities with the church and we cannot guarantee that your personal items won't be taken or misplaced.

2:15 Drive thru or +Care

If you have signed your child up for +Care, I will take your child to the +Care room. Those that go through drive thru pick up, I will take them outside, along the sidewalk where we will wait until you arrive.

Please be sure to mark YES or NO for +Care when signing your child in on the clip board in the office. If you do not sign either YES or NO, your child will be left in the office and I will have to ask you to park and go get him or her.

Important Reminders

- Please label all of your child's belongings - lunch boxes, back packs, blankets, pillow etc. This is very important. Please have your child's name visible to see. If the items listed are not labeled, I will have to label them with a black sharpie marker.
- Bring a **standard to large size** back pack everyday to school. It is important that your child can easily access their back pack. If it has a small opening, it will be too difficult for them to get things in and out, as well as myself putting things in it. All of your child's crafts, worksheets and important papers will go home in your child's backpack – so it is important not to have a small one that can hardly hold a blanket. Please do not bring large quilt blankets.
- Bring a change of clothes, underwear and an extra pair of shoes in your child's back pack **daily**. An extra pair of shoes is optional, but you should know that if your child has an accident standing up, more then likely their shoes will get wet and they will have to wear the shoes for the remainder of the day. As the year goes on, a lot of parents get relaxed about sending clothes in their child's backpack. You never know what they day has in store for your child, so it's best to be prepared.
- Please try to have your child in the Assembly room by 9 a.m. It is very disruptive to the class, the teacher and your child if they are late.
- Clothes that are easy on and easy off need to be worn to school. Please dress your child in clothing that is easy for them to pull down and up. Belts, overalls and tight fitting pants are difficult for the children to pull up, fasten and/or button themselves. This really helps your child when they are going to the restroom. Remember, if they can do it on their own, it builds self esteem. Another reminder is to remember that we will be painting and getting our hands pretty dirty (not to mention the dirt from the playground) so don't dress your child in their Sunday best.

Requirements for being in the three year old class

Your child is eligible for the three year old class if they are three by September 1st. All three year olds attending SWDS are required to be **FULLY** potty trained. Fully potty trained means that your child can:

- Tell the teacher that they need to go potty
- Pull down their clothing and undergarments to potty and pull undergarments and clothing back up when finished. (see page 4 for more information)
- Wipe themselves completely with no help. This is really important to do after they have a bowel movement. Due to licensing, we are not allowed to wipe the children.
- Flush the toilet and wash/dry their hands

If your child has 3 or more accidents in a week, we will ask that your child remain at home until he or she is successfully potty trained. This rule will be enforced.

Again, I would like to welcome you to my class. I look forward to a wonderful year. Should you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or comments, please feel free to call me here at school (281-255-9301) during naptime 12:30 to 1:30.