



## Good Samaritan School Program Options 2010-2011 School Year

Please carefully read the information below for details of 2010-2011 class options available. All registration materials are on the school website. [www.goodsamschool-episcopal.org](http://www.goodsamschool-episcopal.org)

### **Program Option for Children turning 2.9 years of age by September 1, 2010**

Tuesday/Thursday AM 9:00 – 11:30 AM

### **Program Options for Children turning 3 years of age by September 1, 2010**

Tuesday/Thursday AM 9:00 – 11:30 AM  
Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00 – 11:30 AM

### **Program Options for Children turning 4 years of age by September 1, 2010**

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00 – 11:30 AM

### **Program Options for 3 ½ - 5 years of age for a 5 day Morning Program**

We offer our **Creative Arts** program for age 3 ½ years old through Kindergarten age.

Tuesday/Thursday AM 9:00 – 11:30 AM

### **Program Options for Children turning 4 ½ years of age by September 1, 2010**

Pre-Kindergarten Monday through Friday 12:30 – 3:00 PM

### **Program Options for Children turning 5 years of age by September 1, 2010**

All-Day Kindergarten Monday through Friday 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
Afternoon Kindergarten Monday through Friday 12:30 – 3:00 PM \*

Children who turn **5 years of age by September 30, 2010** may apply. Their preschool teacher's recommendation and additional evaluation by a Kindergarten teacher must indicate readiness for this class.

\* The Creative Arts morning class may be taken with this option to create an all day Tuesday/Thursday program.

### **Program Options for Children turning 6 - 10 years of age by September 1, 2010**

1st – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Monday through Friday 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade Monday through Friday 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Priority Registration for currently enrolled families is from March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010.  
Open Registration begins March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.  
Completed application/admissions packets will be accepted in the school office at anytime.

## Description of our Programs

### 2 and 3 day Pre-School Programs

Good Sam's pre-school program is accredited by NAEYC. Enrollment in our early childhood program provides your child a safe and secure environment that allows children to follow their own individual developmental patterns, which will vary from child to child. They are given opportunities to learn and grow through exploration and play.

The curriculum, teaching strategies, and environment are all based upon what early childhood educators know about the way children learn.

*The 4 major developmental areas are:*

*Intellectual*  
*Social*

*Language*  
*Small and large motor*



Teachers develop themes or projects through which the children can expand their knowledge and skills in various areas, reaching deeper understanding of a subject when they can make connections across several disciplines.

*In a developmentally appropriate early childhood program*

*3-4 year olds will learn from the following areas:*

*Language and Literacy Skills*

*Art*

*Mathematics and Science*

*Music*

*Social Studies*

*Drama and Dance*

### 5 Day Afternoon Pre-Kindergarten Program

This 5 day afternoon program is for children whose 5th birthday\* falls on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>. The curriculum includes the preschool program of studies and additional activities which include:

Math - Problem Solving, Connections, Reasoning, Measurement

Communication – Through Diagrams, Pictures, Language, Symbols

Language - A stimulating environment is essential to language development. In our Pre-Kindergarten program the children expand their awareness through:

- careful listening
- exchanging ideas
  - freely with a 'small' group of peers
  - through written records of their thoughts
  - discovering knowledge through books and stories-on-tape.

A variety of additional experiences extend the children's awareness of their world through classroom visitors, field trips and bi-monthly visits to the Book-Mobile. Spanish (vocabulary, movement, song) is taught on Fridays.

\* Children younger than 5 years may be evaluated for readiness. A recommendation from the child's previous preschool teacher is required.

### Creative Arts Program

Our **Creative Arts** class emphasizes art on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Multi-disciplined opportunities provide extended learning and hands-on activities, e.g. cooking, drama, painting, crafts and storytelling and field trips in a multi-age group learning experience.

A sample of the **Creative Arts** themes that include both science and social studies themes may include:

<i>Camping</i>	<i>Dinosaurs</i>	<i>Weather</i>
<i>Seasons</i>	<i>Sea Life</i>	<i>Constuction</i>
<i>Brrr... It's Cold Outside</i>	<i>Play with Your Food</i>	
<i>Fun and Shapes</i>	<i>Tye Dye Creations</i>	
<i>Clay Creations</i>	<i>Holiday Traditions Around the World</i>	



### 5 Day All-Day Kindergarten Program and 5 Day Afternoon Kindergarten Program

Good Sam's Kindergarten is accredited by NAEYC and is registered with the state of Oregon. Carla Schuh who holds a current Oregon teaching license has been teaching our Kindergarten program for 14 years. In the fall of 2010 a minimum of 14 students will continue this all-day program and a minimum of 10 students will be necessary for this afternoon program.

Our kindergarten programs address the whole child in all aspects of development: spiritual, social, emotional, physical, and intellectual. The classes are small so that we can provide learning experiences that respond to individual differences in ability and interests. Small group learning provides opportunities for children to collaborate and cooperate during projects and play.

Our kindergarten programs provide a variety of developmentally appropriate activities and materials that are selected to emphasize concrete experiential learning.

#### The goals of kindergarten are:

- *To encourage children's development of independent functioning.*
- *To foster positive identity and sense of emotional well-being.*
- *To encourage children to think, reason, question, and experiment.*
- *To encourage language and literacy development.*
- *To encourage creative expression, representation, and appreciation for the arts.*
- *To enhance physical development and skills.*
- *To respect cultural diversity.*



**1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade program and 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade program**

In the fall of 2010 a minimum of 10 students will continue the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade program and a minimum of 8 students will continue 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade program.

Our small intimate classroom size provides a unique educational environment. Higher curriculum standards which include all subjects prescribed by the State of Oregon for 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> grades are adhered to.

Early exposure to foreign languages in relationship to cultures studied and music and art enrich our program. Monthly field trips naturally enhance all areas of studies. Developmentally appropriate community service projects are designed for the children's participation. Special projects and activities require the students to find solutions to problems which help develop their self-confidence as independent learners.

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**Required Forms to complete for school admission**

- Application (Preschool or Elementary)
- Questionnaire (Preschool or Elementary)
- Copy of Birth Certificate (Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Student Emergency Contact Information page
- Oregon Immunization Record
- Signed Admission Agreement
- \$100 Application Fee– this fee is non-refundable and does not apply to tuition