

# Learning...

each child is encouraged  
and stimulated to love to learn



Love  Discovery  Learning  
BEAR CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOL

## TRANSITION (5 by September 1)

*Student/teacher ration is 1:7*

FIVE DAYS Mon 9am-1pm, Tues 9am-1pm, Wed 9am-2pm,  
Thurs 9am-2pm & Fri 9am-1pm

Transition year is offered before a child enters kindergarten if the parents feel the child would benefit from another year to grow and mature in order to improve a student's ability to succeed in school.

- Motor and music classes twice a week with chapel once a week.
- Strong emphasis on fine motor development.
- Our curriculum follows the TEKS, to experience math concepts and build a strong phonological awareness in preparation for kindergarten readiness.

## KINDERGARTEN (5 by September 1)

*Small classes offering a 1:12 ratio*

FIVE DAYS Mon 9am-1pm, Tues 9am-2pm, Wed 9am-2pm,  
Thurs 9am-2pm & Fri 9am-1pm

- Gesell screening is required for placement in BCUMCS Kindergarten.
- Daily motor and music/creative drama classes.
- Weekly chapel and computer class.
- Monthly field trips and special events including Dino Dig, 100 Day, Thanksgiving Experience, T. Bear's Birthday, Castle Kindergarten and more.
- Our curriculum follows the TEKS so that our children are more than ready to move on to any 1st grade program – public or private.
- Students develop a foundation in phonological awareness and systematic instruction in phonics.
- Students experience math concepts using math manipulatives with *Math Their Way* program.
- Basic skills are integrated with science, creative art, cooking, music, motor development, creative writing and social studies.



- 12 months – Kindergarten
- Christian environment
- Discovery approach to learning: hands-on
- Every class staffed by one teacher and one assistant
- Licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
- Over 25 years as a leading preschool program in the community
- Weekly music, motor and chapel
- Special events and field trips
- Newly expanded and renovated playground

**5 & 6**  
year olds

*Placement in the Transition and Kindergarten classes will be made by consensus agreement of the parent of the child, the classroom teacher, and the director of the school. Candidates for the Bear Creek Kindergarten and Transition classes must be approved by the School Board.*

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*BCUMCS is open to all children regardless of race, nationality or creed and is nonprofit, nonsectarian and nonpolitical.*

**Love...**  
every child is loved  
and nurtured



**12-18 MONTHS OLD (12 mo by Sept. 1)**

*Student/teacher ratio is 1:4*

TWO DAYS Mon 9am-1pm & Wed 9am-1pm  
or Tues 9am-1pm & Thurs 9am-1pm

**18-24 MONTHS OLD (18-24 mo by Sept. 1)**

*Student/teacher ratio is 1:5*

TWO DAYS Mon 9am-1pm & Wed 9am-1pm  
or Tues 9am-1pm & Thurs 9am-1pm

**TWOS OR TWO ½ (Two or Two ½ by Sept. 1)**

*Student/teacher ratio is 1:6*

TWO DAYS Mon 9am-1pm & Wed 9am-2pm  
or Tues 9am-1pm & Thurs 9am-2pm



- Twos begin weekly motor, music and chapel classes
- Activities prepared according to the needs and abilities of the age group
- Safe, nurturing environment
- Even our youngest children enjoy hands on creative activities
- Rich language building experiences
- Outdoor play everyday on our toddler playground



**Discovery...**  
each child enjoys  
hands-on experiences



**THREES (3 by Sept. 1)**

*Student/teacher ratio is 1:6.5*

TWO DAYS Tues 9am-1pm & Thurs 9am-2pm  
THREE DAYS Mon 9am-1pm, Wed 9am-2pm & Fri 9am-1pm

**FOURS (4 by Sept. 1)**

*Student/teacher ratio is 1:7*

THREE DAYS Mon 9am-1pm, Wed 9am-2pm & Fri 9am-1pm  
FOUR DAYS Mon 9am-1pm, Tues 9am-1pm,  
Wed 9am-2pm & Thurs 9am-2pm



- The trained staff prepares activities according to the needs and abilities of the age group
- Motor Development, Music/Creative Drama and weekly chapel classes
- Content is presented in different ways according to each child's stage of development
- All four year olds are screened for vision and hearing
- Gesell screening available to help determine kindergarten readiness
- Our curriculum follows the TEKS, to experience math concepts and build a strong phonological awareness in preparation for kindergarten readiness.



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT BCUMC PRESCHOOL**

*Our educational goal is to help children develop at an optimal rate while nurturing a positive self-concept. Parental involvement is encouraged to enhance the student's classroom experience and to increase awareness of the curriculum. Parent/Teacher conferences are offered twice a year.*

*Parents and children enjoy field trips and special events that take place year round and create happy memories with activities such as "Storybook Land," "Circus Days," "Christmas Pageant," "Western Days," "Dad's Night," "Mother's Day Tea," "Easter Play" and "Super Summer Send Off."*