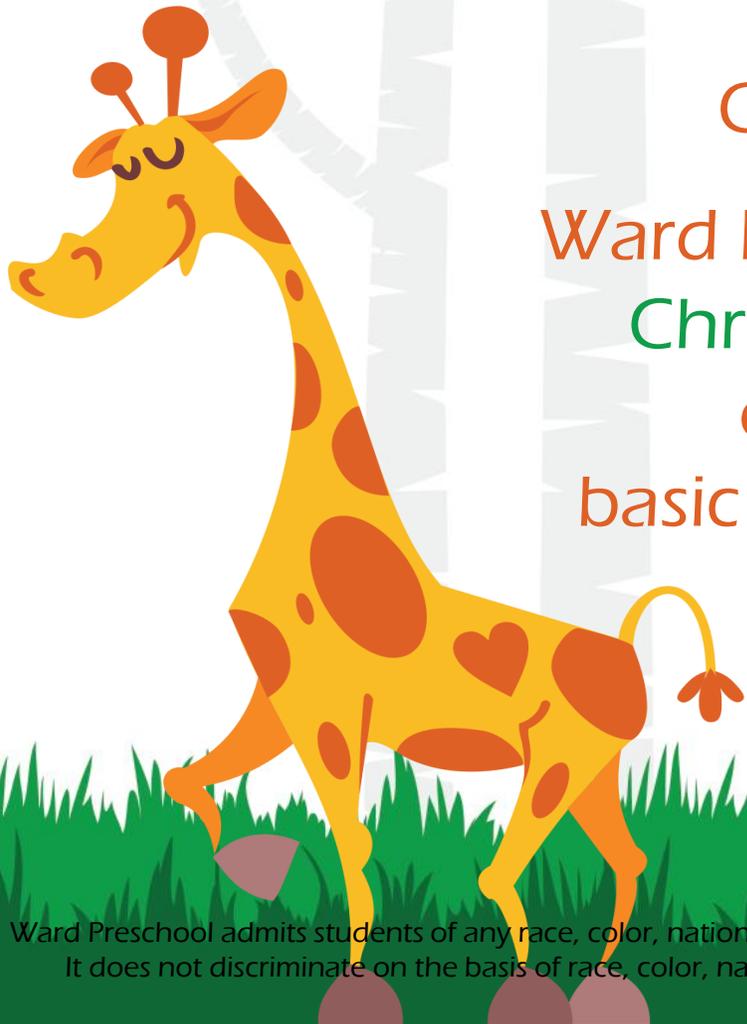


WELCOME to Ward Preschool Open House

Our philosophy is “Learning Through Play.”

Ward Preschool was established to provide children a Christ-centered foundation for the development of a positive self-image; socialization skills, basic moral and spiritual concepts, and educational readiness skills; all to be nurtured in an atmosphere of Christian love.





Meet Our Director

Amy Werthman
Director since Fall 2011

**Education: Bachelor of Science in Elem. Ed.
w/ an Early Childhood Endorsement from EMU**

Family

Married to Bill - 34 years

Billy, Samantha, Leah & William

Emma

Samuel, Jenna, Adalei & Lorelai

Abby & Jesse

❖ Kids Kamp Summer Director @Ward 2010-2018

❖ Early Childhood Director @Ward 2008-2011



Leah & William



Emma & Bailey



Adalei & Lorelai



Abby & Jesse

“Play is critically important for healthy development and early learning. But it’s sometimes dismissed as a cute extra. Something we can get around to when the ‘real work’ is done. Play is the work.”

Amanda Morgan

Why is Play Important?

- ❖ **Play** is necessary for the mental and emotional health & wellness of children.
- ❖ **Play** enhances brain development and learning.
- ❖ Best practice is when **play and learning** interact, because **play** is the most effective way for children to **learn**.
- ❖ **Play** in a **supportive learning environment** gives opportunities for the practicing of soft skills or social skills like sharing, problem solving, cooperating with others, etc. These soft skills bring lasting benefits for success even later in life with more robust and resilient children.
- ❖ **Playful learning** is active, engaging, meaningful, social, interactive & joyful.

PLAY is often talked about as if it were a relief from

Serious Learning.

But for children, **play IS serious learning.**

PLAY is really *the work of childhood.*

notjustcute.com

- Fred Rogers

**Meet Our
Young
Threes
Team**



Mrs. Gunderson
Lead Teacher



Mrs. Shaw
Assistant

**Get
Young
Fours
Info**



HIPPO ROOM

3s Lead Teachers



Mrs. McKee
Pandas



Mrs. Story
Frogs



Mrs. Gunderson
Frogs

**Meet Our
Three
Year
Old Team**

3s Assistants



Mrs. Ehlers



Mrs. Putz



Mrs. Lynn



Lead Teacher



Mrs. Paluk

Assistant



Mrs. Moore

**Meet Our
Half Day
Four Year
Old Team**



MONKEY ROOM



Mrs. Rolfe
Lion Room



Mrs. Sipple
Lion Room



Mrs. Wilson
Rabbit Room



Assistants

Lead Teachers



Mrs. Fahr



Mrs. Kakish



Mrs. Sliwka



Mrs. Waidelich

YOUNG FIVES

**Meet Our
Young
Fives
Team**



Mrs. Mueller
Lead Teacher



Mrs. Walk
Assistant

Turtle Room



Safety & Security



Preschool
Doors



Cameras



Circle Drives
– Emergency
Exit



Check In &
Check Out



Young 3-Year-Olds
Child Must be 3 by Dec. 1
September 2 - December 1 Birthdates

Tuesday & Thursday

Tuition
\$162/month

+

Non-Refundable
Registration Fee \$125

9:00 – 11:00 am
September – November

9:00 – 11:30 am
December - May

Child Must be Three By December 1, 2026

Child must be fully potty-trained by December 1



3-Year-Old Options

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

or

Tuesday & Thursday

12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday

Tuition

\$162/month for 2 day

\$243/month for 3 day

+

Non-Refundable

Registration Fee \$125

Child Must be Three By September 1, 2026

Child must be fully potty-trained



Young 4-Year-Olds
Child Must Be 4 By Dec. 1
September 2 - December 1 Birthdates

9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Monday & Wednesday
+
9:00 – 11:30 am
Friday

Tuition
\$324/month
+
Non-Refundable
Registration Fee \$125

Child Must be Four By December 1, 2026
Child must be fully potty-trained



Four-Year-Old Half Day

\$243/month

+

Non-Refundable Registration Fee \$ 125

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

OR

12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday



Child Must Be Four by September 1, 2026

4-Year-Old Extended Day

\$324/month

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

\$405/month

Monday & Wednesday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

+

Friday

9:00 – 11:30 am

+

Non-Refundable Registration Fee \$125

Child Must Be Four by September 1, 2026



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF WHEN CONSIDERING 4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL - HALF DAY OR EXTENDED DAY -

- Does my child regularly nap in the afternoon?
- Does my child have little or no separation anxiety?
- Is my child emotionally ready to handle being apart from me for the entire school day?
- Can my child handle transitions easily?
- Is my child able to care for himself independently during lunch, rest, & bathroom?
- Is my child willing to try a variety of hands-on experiences?
- Is my child interested in learning about a wide array of topics?
- What am I thinking about for school next year, Young 5s or Kindergarten?

Whatever decision you make for your child, whatever program they are a part of,
they will be prepared for Kindergarten.

You know your child best and trust your instincts about which program is best for your child.

Young Fives

Must Be Five by December 1, 2026

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

\$486/month

+

**Non-Refundable Registration Fee
\$125**

**Child Must Be Five between
May 1 – December 1, 2026**



QR Code for Enrollsy Log In
Update Info & Check Password



Due at Registration

➤ **Non-refundable Registration Fee - \$125
(Credit Card or ACH)**

QR Code to Contact Us
To Set Up Enrollsy



In-House Registration

- **Ward Church Members (including grandchildren)**
 - Children currently enrolled
 - Alumni of Ward Preschool

**Online Only Registration @
wardpreschool.org
will begin
Monday, February 23 @8:00 a.m.**

**Open Registration
New families/students**

**Online Only Registration @
wardpreschool.org
will begin
Wednesday, February 25 @8:00 a.m.**

All programs will be offered if 10 children are enrolled as of August 15th

Things to Keep in Mind While Registering

- Keep refreshing
- You will only be able to register for the programs that are age appropriate
- Registration Fee is nonrefundable and due at registration
- First month's payment comes out on June 15 (ACH or Credit Card)
- Second payment will come out on Sept 15 and each month until April
- August 1 is the last date to drop and receive a refund of first month's tuition
- Two week notice to receive prorated tuition for all other month's tuition
- Check cell phone number listed for the primary parent – they receive texts
- Check email addresses for both primary and secondary parents - both will receive emails
- If you already have an Enrollsy account, make sure you try and log in, so you are ready & know your password
- Only log onto one device when registering
- We make every effort to accommodate requests, but we cannot guarantee that your request will be granted.

QR Code for Video Tutorial
On How to Register-Specific Details



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REGISTRATION

INFORMATION

If you do not fall under one of these categories

- Children currently enrolled
- Alumni of Ward Preschool
- Ward Church Member (including member grandchildren)

*Please wait until Wednesday, February 25 @8:00 to register.

If you register before Wednesday, February 25 @8:00, you will forfeit your registration fee and spot in our program.

You will have to register and pay again, once open registration begins on Wednesday, February 25 @8:00 am.

All programs will be offered if 10 children are enrolled as of August 15th

TODDLER FUN



Cost - \$150

Fall - 10 weeks

Winter – 10 weeks

Friday

9:15 – 10:15

Or

10:30 – 11:30

Fall Registration @8:00 am

- April 14 In House Registration

- April 15 Open Registration

Child Must be 1 Years Old by
September 1, 2026

Teacher facilitated, giving
the parent the lead in “teaching”
their child. Developmentally
appropriate activities.

Each session will include:

- ❖ Weekly themed, hands-on art project
- ❖ Circle time led with several songs and a story
- ❖ Sensory tables

**MORE DETAILS TO COME
ON OUR WEBSITE - wardpreschool.org**

Child **Must be 2 Years Old** by
September 1, 2026

Teacher **facilitated** class, giving the parent the **lead** in “teaching” their child through content geared for a 2–3-year old’s **development**. Your child will be encouraged to participate in **circle time** and **centers** to ready them for independence in our three-year-old program.

Schedule Includes

- ❖ Gym or Playground
- ❖ Centers/Choice Time
 - ❖ Circle Time
 - ❖ Snack

Cost - \$175

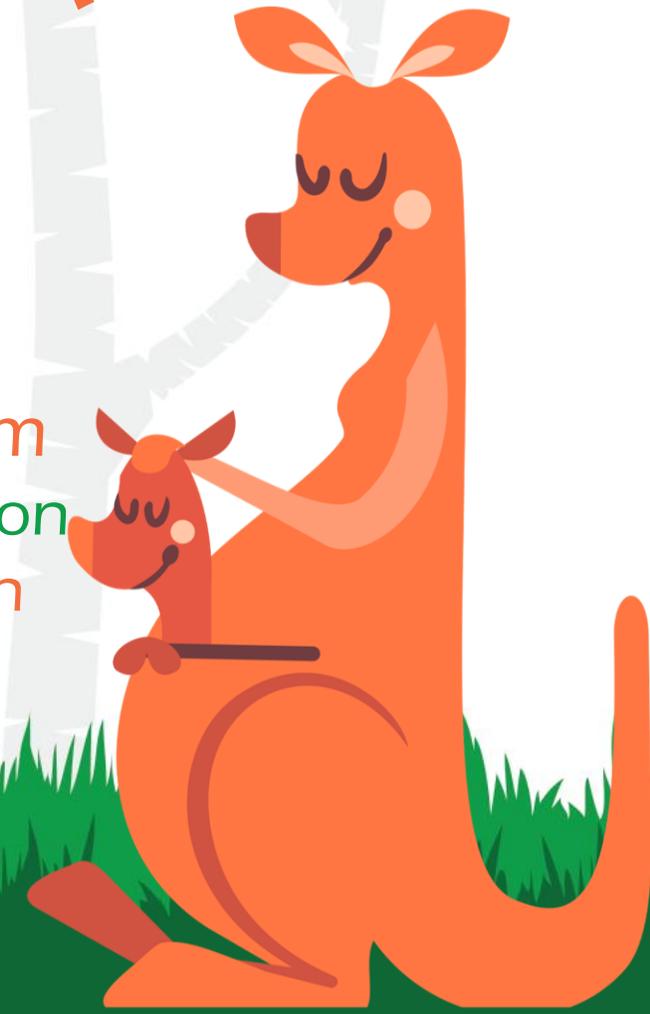
Fall - 10 weeks
Winter – 10 weeks

Monday
or
Friday

9:15 – 10:45

Fall Registration@8:00 am
April 14 – In House Registration
April 15 – Open Registration

TWO FUN



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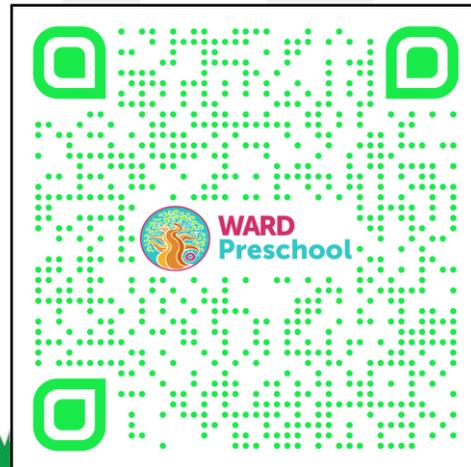


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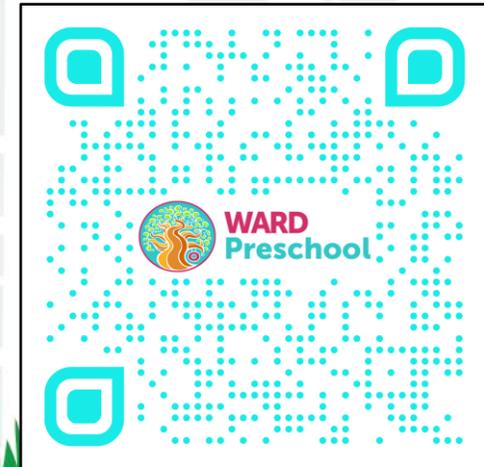
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THANKS FOR COMING!

Visit & Meet Teachers

**3 Years Old by
September 1, 2026
Frog & Panda Rooms**

**Young Fives
5 Years Old by December 1
May 1 – December 1, 2026
Birthdates**

Turtle Room

**Young 3s
+
Young 4s
3 or 4 Years Old
by December 1
Sept. 2 – Dec. 1
Birthdates
Hippo Room**

**4 Years Old by
September 1, 2026**

**Monkey Room
Half Day**

**Rabbit & Lion Rooms
Extended Day**

THANKS FOR COMING!