

Columbus Day, Oct. 11; Veteran's Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 25/26; Christmas week, Dec. 24-Dec. 31; Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 17; Presidents Day, Feb. 21; Good Friday, Apr. 22; Memorial Day, May 30, and Jul. 4. An 8-week summer program is offered from Mon., Jun. 20, to Fri., Aug. 12.

We are also closed the last two weeks of August for upkeep of our space. This break gives children a sense of completion of their program before beginning the next school year. This calendar is subject to change based on final approval of the Cheshire Public School calendar in March 2011.

To Enroll

For more information about us, please visit our website at 1stchurchpreschool.org. Before applying, please call to schedule an appointment to visit our program with or without your young child. Within school applications will be accepted beginning December 1st. Outside of school applications will be accepted beginning January 1st and openings filled on a first come basis.

A family **Open House** is scheduled for Aug. 31 for each individual group as follows: For the 3's Room, T/W Group, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Th/F Group 10:30-11:30. 4's Room, 3-5 pm, 5's Room, 3-4 p.m. students attending Darcey a.m./1st Church p.m.; 4-5 pm students here at 1st Church in a.m. & Pre-K. Our purpose is to provide an opportunity for children to gain some familiarity with our physical space and to get acquainted with their new teachers and classmates.

Our Director and Staff

The staff at First Church Preschool are professionally trained early childhood educators, both by abundant past experience and formal education in the field of Early Childhood. All teachers hold at least a Bachelor's degree either in Early Childhood Education or in a related field. All continue their education with ongoing training units each year. We work together to create caring, developmentally appropriate early learning environments for young children. Our Director, Dawn DeFeo, has a BSW and is certified in Early Childhood Education and Special Education, with a Master's degree in Special Education.

For further information, please call our office at First Church Preschool at (203) 699-1169 or visit our Website at 1stchurchpreschool.org.



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Our mission at First Church Preschool is to provide a safe, nurturing, and supportive learning community for young children and their families. Our morning and full day programs are developmentally based and age appropriate. We provide a hands-on learning environment both in and out of doors each day. We stress a literacy-based curriculum that is interactive with the natural world. We value and maintain low child/teacher ratios of approximately 5 children to 1 teacher for enhancing language development, social skills, and creativity. Children at First Church are guided by a skilled professional early childhood staff. We were created with assistance of the First Congregational Church, and are housed in their lower level, but are a separate entity. We do not present a religious program as part of our curriculum.

Our Programs (39 wks)

For 3 year olds

Morning Program, (includes lunchtime) 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

2 mornings, T/W or Th/F	\$64.00/week
3 mornings, Monday + T/W or Th/F	\$93.00/week
4 mornings, T/W/Th/F	\$129.00/week
5 mornings, M-F	\$150.00/week

Extended Full Day Program, available 8:00 a.m. to closing at 5:30 p.m.

2 full days, T/W or Th/F	\$107.00/week
3 full days, adding M	\$155.00/week
4 full days, T/W/Th/F	\$214.00/week
5 days, M-F	\$235.00/week

For 4 year olds

Morning Program, (includes lunchtime) 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

3 mornings, T/W/Th	\$91.00/week
4 mornings, adding M or F	\$118.00/week
5 mornings, M-F	\$144.00/week

Extended Full Day Program, available 8:00 a.m. to closing at 5:30 p.m.

3 full days, (T/W/Th)	\$155.00/week
4 full days, adding M or F	\$201.00/week
5 days, M-F	\$241.00/week

For 5 to 6 year olds

Pre-Kindergarten Program, (for 5 year olds not attending Darcey School)

3 mornings, T/W/Th	\$90.00/week
Additional mornings, M or F	\$29.00/morning

Before or After Kindergarten Program, available 8:00 a.m. to closing at 5:30 p.m.

5 days (including meeting the bus)	\$152.00/week
2, 3, or 4 contracted days at	\$32.00/day
Day Care for Darcey School closings	\$21.00/additional half-day
.....	\$43/full day

Tuition is based on a 39 week school year – Sept. 1st to Jun. 16th, which does not include Christmas week or the 2 school vacation weeks, and is payable **monthly** in 10 even installments. A non-refundable registration and placement fee of \$50.00 is required for newly enrolled children and \$25.00 for those returning. A tuition deposit of \$100.00 will be required upon acceptance into the program, and applied toward the September tuition payment. There is a 10% sibling discount.

Our Day

We have a smaller 3's Room for 10 three-year-olds. It is a slower paced, protective and relaxed atmosphere for these younger children who may be beginning their first group experience away from home. A larger 4's Room of 18 four-year-olds is available in the double room, creating an active hands-on, curriculum rich, literacy based, learning environment. We also offer a combined Kindergarten/Pre-Kindergarten program in our 5's Room that provides a semi-structured, social and active peer level learning experience. This program is available mornings or afternoons for children attending Kindergarten at Darcey School AM or PM, with town bussing. The Pre-K program, available mornings in the 5's Room, is for five-year-olds needing an extra year in a structured learning situation before their entry into Kindergarten.

A nutritious snack is provided both mornings and afternoons. Lunches are brought from home. Ours is an active, play-based, structured learning environment, prepared to meet the physical, social, emotional and cognitive needs of young children, unfolding indoors in the classrooms, as well as out of doors, on our multi-area playground each day.

Our Calendar

We follow the Cheshire's school calendar including snow day closings. We open on Wed., Sept. 1, 2010. The last day of school for all students is Thurs., Jun. 16, 2011. We offer optional day care during school vacation weeks of Feb. 22-25, and Apr. 25-29. We close on Labor Day, Sept. 6;