



BORDEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL INFORMATION

“....and a Little Child shall lead them”

Matthew 18:5, 19:14

This is a summary of our church school. We will be happy to provide more details and answer any questions you may have.

STUDENTS:

We accept students three to five years of age.

Students will be placed in classes according to age. Three to four-year-olds (first of two years in church school) will be in one class and ages four to five (graduating and going on to kindergarten the next year) will be in another.

Curriculum will be age appropriate. However, we will make every effort to present those who have been schooled previously with materials that will challenge and be of interest. For those who have not had the experience, we will also make every effort to nurture them along.

One of our goals is to introduce these young children to a classroom environment and encourage positive interaction with other children in the same age group in preparation for entrance into kindergarten . We provide a loving, Christian environment for all those who enroll with us.

All children must be toilet trained. We will accompany to the restroom, assisting with buttons, zippers, snaps, hand washing, etc.

SCHEDULE:

Classes will be held on **Tuesday and Thursday**. Class hours are **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.** The exact date that school begins will be provided upon receipt of the West Clark Community Schools calendar for the upcoming school year. You will be contacted immediately if your child is registered.

Students are expected to arrive in time for classes to begin no later than 9:15 a.m. and be picked up at 12:00 noon. (A school staff member(s) will be at the church no later than 8:30 a.m. A staff member(s) will stay at church until everyone is picked up (we realize there are circumstances when someone may be delayed either way).

We will concur with West Clark Community Schools in regard to “non school” days according to their schedule. Also, we will observe the same “bad weather” days. We **will not** have classes on the days, if any, that West Clark announces one or two hour delays because of weather or other conditions.

The last day of weekday church school will be in May. The exact date and the graduation date to be announced by the end of March.

CLASSES:

Academics – Learn the alphabet. This will include recognizing and printing upper and lower case letters. We will work with the younger students to print and recognize their first name. The older students will be encouraged to recognize and print both first and last names. All ages will be given the opportunity to write both their first and last names.

Learn numbers 1 - 10 the first semester and 11 - 20 second semester. Print numbers 1 - 10 (11 to 20 for older children). Some simple math may be introduced in the second semester.

Learn basic colors.

Familiarize with days of the week and months of the year and four seasons.

Coloring pages, work sheets, children's music and games will be used as teaching tools on a regular basis.

Learn and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States.

Bible Class – Introduction to the Bible and age appropriate Bible stories each day. Bible stories will begin with Creation and progress during the school year through the birth, life and teachings of Jesus. This class will teach about sharing, caring about others, being helpful, being polite and forgiveness.

Coloring pages, worksheets, crafts and games will be a regular feature of the Bible Class.

We will teach and say the Lord's Prayer daily and have children's Christian music and singing with piano accompaniment every other week.

Miscellaneous Class Time - We plan to have special visitors throughout the school year to present health and safety lessons and some visitors will be just for fun! We will have a play period until everyone arrives every morning and again after snack until time for the second class of the day. There will also be play time from the end of the last class until children are picked up.

SAFETY:

All school volunteers are required to have a background check.

Children will not be allowed to leave the building with anyone other than the parent, guardian or other person designated by the parent or guardian.

A student *SIGN IN and SIGN OUT sheet* will be provided each day. This will include the child's name and the signature of the person bringing and picking up. We will require prior authorization of the parent/guardian for anyone else to pick up the child.

A fire drill will be held within the first two weeks of school and at least two additional drills during the remainder of the school session.

NOTES OF INTEREST:

We do not charge tuition. A \$25.00 per month donation will be accepted. This donation is not tax deductible because a service has been received for your donation. We are a non-profit church weekday school and the donation will be used for supplies, equipment and the expense of keeping the building safe and comfortable for our students and volunteer staff.

Check with your tax preparer for details.

Snacks:

Each child will be asked to provide a snack and a drink for all students for the day on a rotation basis. If your child is first on the list and there are ten children, your child's next turn will be eleventh. We suggest "healthy" snacks, but whatever your child likes will be fine. We will provide paper plates, napkins, utensils, etc. if needed.

Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school. Toys will be provided for playtime.

Personal Supplies:

We would like each student to have a backpack. Work papers, coloring pages, craft projects, etc. will be sent home each day in the backpack. We will also be sending home a monthly calendar that will include a "Snack Schedule" and

a list of pertinent activities that will be happening in school during the month. A periodic newsletter and activity “reminder” notes will be provided.

We urge you to write your child’s name on backpack and label of coats, jackets, sweaters or anything that may be left at school. We want to return them to their owner.

An **Open House** will be held at the church school in late July or early August. A date will be set upon receipt of the West Clark Community Schools calendar for the ensuing school year. The Open House will be advertised and enrollment forms will be available at that time or upon request. We will pre-register at any time until we are at capacity. We ask that you notify us if you pre-register and that child will not be attending in order for us to make that enrollment available to anyone on a waiting list.

Our goal is for your child to learn and be prepared in many ways for entrance into kindergarten and at the same time, have an enjoyable experience at our school.

We thank you for your interest in our school and urge you to feel free to contact us with any questions or comments you may have. Listed below are contact phone numbers and e-mail addresses:

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