Website Content

1. About Us

* Who We Are: Parkway Presbyterian Preschool and Kindergarten, a private Christian preschool founded in 1999, currently serves 175 children ages 2 years through 5 years.  The program is accredited by the North Georgia Preschool Association and is recognized as a School of Excellence.
* Where We Are: Parkway Presbyterian Preschool and Kindergarten is located on the campus of Parkway Presbyterian Church which has 16.6 acres of outdoor spaces filled with flowers, trees, and a garden that allows for investigation and learning experience. We are conveniently located off Bethleview Road and easily accessible to many areas of Forsyth County. Classrooms are age appropriate with centers and many options for exploration.
* Our Families:  Parents are an integral part of the program and are partners in the learning process. We invite parents into our preschool to serve and assist in many ways routinely such as the library and office, but often find many ways to assist within the classroom specifically to help the teacher. Parent/teacher conferences are held twice a year in addition to the daily and weekly communication between teachers and parents. Simply put, our Parkway families are the best and we consider it a high honor to partner in your child’s preschool years of learning and growth.

* Your Child’s Experience: Children experience numerous special programs and activities on a regular basis.  Our music program holds classes weekly and participate in songs and rhythms that utilize instruments.  Children learn music theory in a joyful, engaging, interactive manner.  Movement, offered weekly to all classes, emphasizes gross motor skills and cooperative play. Children work on developmental skills such as balance, hopping, skipping, jumping, coordination, spatial awareness, and other essential components of physical education. Spanish occurs in the four and five day classes for Fours and Young 5s. Chapel occurs weekly in the sanctuary. Chapel is a developmentally appropriate time filled with songs, prayers and a bible story that utilizes props and interaction. Our chapel curriculum is based on one book, God’s Word. We begin each year in the Old Testament and finish each spring in the New Testament, learning how God’s love for us can be applied to build a faith of our own. Weather permitting, classes have scheduled playground time each day. Outdoor play provides the children with time for self-initiated imaginative play with peers. It is a time for loud noises, running, and exercise of climbing, jumping and moving together in groups. Preparation for outdoor play is a time for practicing self-help skills as children learn to identify their clothing, put on clothing, zip and unzip jackets, and eventually complete the process unassisted.
* Our Campus: Our facilities offer many opportunities, experiences and safeguards. Two playgrounds allow for the separation of younger children from the older children with equipment designed for the varied age groups. Our preschool garden provides many learning opportunities from planting to harvesting.The preschool remains locked throughout the day to provide the safest environment possible. Throughout our hallways, you will notice the artwork the children create throughout the day, making our preschool a welcoming place to all.

1. Program

* Christian Instruction: The early development programs are based on our belief and faith in Jesus Christ. This foundation of faith will be reflected in all aspects of the preschool from the loving teachers to the curriculum and chapel time.
* Teacher/Student Ratio: Our qualified teachers attend ongoing educational and training workshops (minimum of 10 hours per year) and are all certified in CPR, First Aid, and Fire Safety. Many lead teachers hold teaching certificates.

| **Age Groups** | **Ratio** |
| --- | --- |
| 2’s | 2:10 |
| 3’s | 2:12 |
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| 5’s | 2:12 |

* Parent Involvement: Parents are an integral part of the program and are partners in the learning process. We invite parents into our preschool to serve and assist in many ways routinely such as the library and office, but often find many ways to assist within the classroom specifically to help the teacher. Parent/teacher conferences are held twice a year in addition to the daily and weekly communication between teachers and parents. Simply put, our Parkway families are the best and we consider it a high honor to partner in your child’s preschool years of learning and growth.
* Snacks: Parkway Presbyterian Preschool provides snack for all students. The preschool has found that this is the easiest way to accommodate our allergy families in providing them the safest environment possible. Allergy families read and approve all labels for snacks provided. To cover these costs, families pay a one-time snack fee due each June based on the number of days attended. The snack fees are as follows:

| **Days Attended** | **Snack Fee** |
| --- | --- |
| 2 | $50 |
| 3 | $70 |
| 4 | $90 |
| 5 | $110 |

* School Day Activities: Parkway Presbyterian Preschool provides many supplemental activities throughout the year in addition to our classroom curriculum. These include in-house field trips and programs, an off-campus fall field trip, and other various enrichment activities. To cover these expenses, families pay a one-time activity fee due each June based on the number of days attended. The activity fees are as follows:

| **Days Attended** | **Snack Fee** |
| --- | --- |
| 2 | $50 |
| 3 | $70 |
| 4 | $90 |
| 5 | $110 |

| **Days Attended** | **Activity Fee** |
| --- | --- |
| 2 | $55 |
| 3 | $75 |
| 4 | $95 |
| 5 | $120 |

* After School Activities: Lunch Bunch is an after school opportunity for our students in Threes, Fours, and Young Fives classrooms. This optional program teaches life skills including manners, unpacking a lunch independently, cleaning up, and eating a nutritious meal (provided by parents) in a classroom setting. Our school is a completely nut free school and we DO NOT allow peanuts, tree nuts, peanut butter, or nut butters in any lunch. The cost is $3 a day and is offered on Mondays and Tuesdays. Lunch Bunch forms are sent home at the beginning of the year and turned in monthly, but may also be printed from the forms tab of our website.

1. Curriculum

* Teacher/Student Ratio:

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* Two Year Old Classes (must be two on or before September 1st): The Twos classes teach from a broad variety of resources that focus on Bible, academics, and development and allows the child to explore, play and learn new things. Handwriting Without Tears is a developmental writing program that begins in the twos and focuses on building muscles in the hands to produce good writing and fine motor skills.
* Three Year Old Classes: Our three year old classes continue using the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum and will begin practicing handwriting skills and letter formation. Zoo-Phonics curriculum focuses on language development, reading readiness, and letter and sound recognition. Students will begin basic math skills through the use of games and manipulatives. They will also begin estimation, prediction, and vocabulary expansion through calendar and circle time activities. Our threes classes participate in circle time, large and small group lessons, and learning centers.
* Four Year Old Classes: Our four year old classes continue their work on letter and number formation using Handwriting Without Tears along with other supplemental resources. They begin to introduce basic reading readiness skills, writing, and basic sight word recognition. In Math, they explore early math skills and problem solving, they will continue to expand their number recognition and counting skills. Our fours participate in circle time, large and small group and centers. They learn through thematic units that involve science and much small and large group exploration.
* Young Fives Classes: Young 5's will continue working through the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum and proper letter and number formation using Uppercase and Lowercase letters. In addition they begin work on early reading skills, writing, beginning spelling and sight word recognition. In Math, they will begin to learn problem solving and basic math skills, they will continue to expand their number recognition and counting skills. Our young 5's participate in circle time, large and small group and centers. With the age requirements that all students turn five on or before December 31st of the calendar year, the students are older and able to move through the curriculum at a more accelerated pace.

1. Staff

* About: All staff at Parkway Presbyterian Preschool are CPR, First Aid, and Fire Safety Certified. They receive extensive background checks prior to employment and must complete 10 hours annually of training in Early Childhood Education. Many of our staff hold teaching degrees and hold several years of teaching experience.
* Office Staff:

Erica Shaddix, Director, [director@parkwaypreschool.com](mailto:director@parkwaypreschool.com) (add pic)

Lisa Service, Assistant Director, [lisa@parkwaypreschool.com](mailto:lisa@parkwaypreschool.com) (add pic)

Jami Stargel, Bookkeeper, [jami@parkwaypreschool.com](mailto:jami@parkwaypreschool.com) (add pic)

* Twos:

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| Gill Jennings | Assistant Teacher | [gill@parkwaypreschool.com](mailto:gill@parkwaypreschool.com) |
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* Threes

| **Name** | **Position** | **Email** |
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| Haley Barnett | Lead Teacher | [haley@parkwaypreschool.com](mailto:haley@parkwaypreschool.com) |
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* Fours (\*\*will be more added once secured)

| **Name** | **Position** | **Email** |
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| Jennifer Coffey | Lead Teacher | [jennifer@parkwaypreschool.com](mailto:jennifer@parkwaypreschool.com) |
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|  | Assistant Teacher |  |

* Young Fives (\*\*will be more added once secured)

| **Name** | **Position** | **Email** |
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1. Rates and Fees

| **Classes** | **Days** | **Monthly Tuition** | **Snack Fee** | **Activity Fee** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2 Days | Tuesday/  Thursday | $155 | $50 | $55 |
| 3 Days | Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday | $190 | $70 | $75 |
| 4 Days | Monday- Thursday | $240 | $90 | $95 |
| 5 Days | Monday- Friday | $290 | $110 | $120 |

* Registration: Our school is open to all children in the community ages two years through five years by September 1st.  Enrollment is on a first come first serve basis with the following considerations:  Priority will be given to congregation members already in the program, then non-member families already in the program, siblings, alumni, congregation members, and public.  Children are admitted regardless of race, creed, color, gender, national origin, or religion.  Registration begins in early January each year for the upcoming year. Please note that all new students will be required to complete a brief developmental screening prior to official enrollment, and will be set up after registration by office staff. Each registration form received must accompany a ***NON-REFUNDABLE*** $100 registration fee. ***As a reminder, all registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE without exception.***
* Tuition: Tuition is paid in nine monthly payments (August – April). The tenth payment, May tuition, is paid one full year in advance, at the end of the previous school year.
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1. Calendar:

* Yearly Calendar at-a-glance

1. Forms:

* Registration Form
* Medical Release
* Exemption from Immunization
* Medical Action Plan
* Authorization to Administer Medication
* Lunch Bunch

1. Contact Us:

Get in **Touch**

For more information or if you have questions, please call PPPK at 678.513.3909 or email to info@parkwaypreschool.com

The **Office**

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Preschool **Hours**

* Monday - Friday - 9am to 1pm (School Year)
* Summer Hours- Appointment Only