

UNITED!



Prince of Peace Christian
Early Learning Center



CHRISTIAN SCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING CENTER

BELONG. GROW. **BECOME.**

At Prince of Peace Christian School & Early Learning Center the comprehensive goal for every child and student is encapsulated in our school motto- **BELONG, GROW, BECOME.** Students **BELONG** to a nurturing environment where faculty and staff support, challenge and engage each student. Students **GROW** through a strong curriculum pursuing excellence in both academics and extracurricular activities. Students **BECOME** successful, both academically and spiritually, through God's word.

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, in its 31st year of exemplary education, Prince of Peace Christian School serves nearly 900 children ages 6 weeks through 12th grade. The school encompasses a 37 acre campus with more than 150,000 square feet, which include the Early Learning Center, Lower School, Middle School, High School, Fine Arts Center, 12 acres of athletic fields, gated playgrounds and gymnasiums.

Beyond the academic and social successes, something more fundamental exists at Prince of Peace: a connection that reaches far beyond the classroom. Lifelong relationships are developed between families, teachers and friends as students grow in God's word and become leaders of the 21st century.

4000 Midway Road
Carrollton, TX 75007
972-447-9887
www.popcs.org

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL REGARDING THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Prince of Peace Christian School and Early Childhood program. As a parent, you have prayed, researched, sought counsel, and examined all possible options so that you can make the right educational decision for your child. It is a privilege that you are considering Prince of Peace Christian School. It is my belief that children thrive in a Christian environment. At POPCS you can expect an academically strong program, as well as devoted teachers who demonstrate excellence in the classroom. Teachers openly model Christian principles daily and are positive role models for our students. We are committed to building lasting relationships with students and families. At POPCS we know your name... our intentionally smaller environment allows us to know your child and your family. Teachers, parents, and administrators partner together during your child's educational journey. We believe that each of us is held accountable to God for what children are taught. Proverbs 22:6 is speaking directly to parents and educators as it says "Train up a child in the way he should go and he will not depart from it."

Our approach to learning during these early years is one that invites exploration and encourages curiosity. We strive to be a 21st century school of excellence. Our job as educators is to prepare the next generation.

I look forward to meeting each of you and encourage any questions you may have. My promise to our families is that each day I will work to fulfill our mission statement focusing on the uniqueness of each child as a child of GOD.



*For His Children,
Lynn Keckonen*

Early Childhood Director
972-447-0532 ext. 472



The Early Childhood Mission Statement

The Early Childhood Program focuses on the uniqueness of each child as a child of God. Special emphasis is placed on developing each child's self-esteem while at the same time offering engaging learning opportunities. We realize that all children travel through the same developmental stages and that God has a time table for each child. We as educators of young children are blessed to have the opportunity to prepare the next generation for Christ.



Early Learning Center

The Early Learning Center environment was designed specifically for children 6 weeks through 2 years of age. Each classroom invites curiosity, creativity, and sensory development. Early education emphasizes exploration and self-expression while learning to develop relationships and build trust.

Our young students are introduced to lessons that lead to discovery and promote a philosophy of “I Can Do This”. Language development begins in the infant program with the introduction of Baby Signs, music, and early literacy activities and continues through two’s with heavy emphasis on early literacy. An on sight music program that engages infants through two’s is also part of our weekly program. As infants become toddlers, they begin a more structured program that leads to the discovery of their abilities. As early as two years of age, children participate in creative movement activities developed by our PE department. Children begin to have a sense of self-being as they prepare for the transition to preschool. They are prepared with the tools necessary to allow for a seamless transition into Prince of Peace Christian School, which serves Preschool 3 – Grade 12.

Our goal is to provide an environment that stimulates early developmental growth, as well as prepare children as they begin their spiritual walk with Jesus Christ. Staff members are dedicated to teaching children about Christ’s everlasting love and grace as they model His example. The program strives to partner with parents to keep them informed and involved in their child’s developmental progress.



Infant Program

Our infant program is available for children at six weeks of age. Infants are divided into small groups; each group has two staff members and additional support as needed. Infants have many sensory opportunities to encourage investigation of sight, sound, touch, smell and movement. The environment stimulates the senses, enhances curiosity, and encourages gross and fine motor development. Hands-on manipulative/sensory activities and soft climbing areas are located throughout the classroom. Infants are also taught and encouraged to use sign language. While it is important for infants to learn and develop new skills, it is equally important that they receive plenty of attention and love. All mothers are encouraged to participate in “The Rocker Club” where a comfortable area is reserved for visiting mothers to nurse or feed their infants.



Toddler and Two Year Old Programs

Our toddler and two year old programs place a high importance on developing self-help skills in a nurturing environment. Small class sizes ensure that children have the needed attention to build a foundation of confidence, self-esteem and Christian values. Circle time, as well as small learning centers, is the foundation for many daily learning activities.





Prince of Peace Christian School & Early Learning Center

EARLY LEARNING CENTER CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

<p>Faith God made the world, plants, animals and people Baby Moses Jesus grows as a child Jesus blesses the children Jesus' miracles Jesus arises - Easter Parables Jesus knows my name</p>	<p>Language Arts Early literacy Finger plays Letter recognition Rhyming Baby signs Social Studies Family Community awareness Holidays</p>	<p>Science Animals Weather Insects Plants Sensory Math Color recognition Shape recognition Simple matching</p>	<p>A/B patterning Sorting Opposites Counting Music Rhythm Beat Simple songs Simple instruments Music and movement Nursery rhymes</p>	<p>Art, Crafts, & Projects Matching colors Fingerprinting Watercolors Gluing Cutting Pattern stamps CURRICULA: Concordia Faith, Alphabet Stories and Everyday Math</p>
--	---	--	---	--

TODDLER CLASS OVERVIEW

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Theme	God made me, what will I be?	• Gathering God's harvest • Our town	Helping hands from thankful hearts	Jesus is coming, open your hearts	Brrrr... Jesus warms our hearts	A joyful heart is a healthy heart	God loves all creatures, great and small	Celebrating new life	Moving along God's way
Colors	• Yellow • Red	• Orange • Black	• Brown • Green	• Red • Blue	• Blue • White	• Pink • Red	• Green • Yellow	• Purple • Pink	• Orange • Blue
Shapes	Square	Circle	Rectangle	Star	Triangle Heart		Shamrock	Oval	Diamond
Dramatic Play	• Mirrors • Hats	Community helper dress up	Stuffed animals	Children around the world costumes	• Hats • Scarves • Mittens	Cooking healthy foods	• Butterfly nets • Binoculars • Bug containers	Garden center	• Cars • Boats • Airplanes • Trains
Faith	• God made the world • Creation	Jesus knows my name	• Story of Noah • Baby Moses	Jesus' birth	Jesus grows as a child	Jesus' miracles	Jesus arises - Easter	Jesus' disciples	Parables
Opposites	Big & Little	Short & Tall	Over & Under	Up & Down	Inside & Outside	Back & Front	Day & Night	Long & Short	Loud & Quiet
Sensory	What I feel	What I see	What is that sound?	I can smell	Cold	Hot	This tastes good	Water is wet	Things I hear
Special Events	Back to School Friends	• Fall Festival • Harvest Hoe Down	• Grandparents' Day • Stone Soup	Baby Jesus' Birthday	Winter	Valentine's Day	St. Patrick's Day	• Spring • Easter	• Mother's Day • Graduation



TWO YEAR OLD CLASS OVERVIEW

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Theme	God made me, what will I be?	•Gathering God's harvest •Our town	Helping hands from thankful hearts	Jesus is coming, open your hearts	Brm... Jesus wants our hearts	A joyful heart is a healthy heart	God loves all creatures, great and small	Celebrating new life	Moving along God's way
Phonics /Math Concepts	•A, B and C •Number concepts	•D, E and F •Patterns	•G, H and I •A & B patterns	•J, K and L •Sorting	•M, N and O •Matching	•P, Q and R •Less and more	•S, T and U •Counting	•V, W and X •Positioning	Y and Z
Colors	•Yellow •Red	•Orange •Black	•Brown •Green	•Red •Blue	•Blue •White	•Pink •Red	•Green •Yellow	•Purple •Pink	•Orange •Blue
Shapes	Square	Circle	Rectangle	Star	Triangle Heart		Shamrock	Oval	Diamond
Dramatic Play	•Aprons •Mirrors •Kid's clothes •Hats	•Fire Hose •Community helper dress up	•Native American can dress up animals •Stuffed animals	Children around the world costumes	•Hats •Scarves •Mittens	•Play foods •Kitchen •Cooking healthy foods	•Cars •Boats •Airplanes •Trains •Helicopters	•Planting station •Binoculars •Bug nets •Florist shop	•Stethoscope •Telephones •Instruments
Faith	•God made the world •Creation	Jesus knows my name	•Story of Noah •Baby Moses	Jesus' birth	Jesus grows as a child	Jesus' miracles	Jesus arises - Easter	Jesus' disciples	Parables
Opposites	Big & Little	Short & Tall	Over & Under	Up and Down	Inside & Outside	Back & Front	Day & Night	Long & Short	Loud & Quiet
Special Events	•Good manners •Back to school friends	•Fall Festival •Harvest Hoe Down	•Grandparents' Day •Stone Soup	•Christmas Concert •Baby Jesus' Birthday	•New Year's •Winter	•Presidents' Day •Valentine's Day •Ground Hog Day	St. Patrick's Day	•Spring •Easter Hunt	•Planting •Mother's Day •Graduation •Pinata

TOP TEN REASONS FOR CHOOSING PRINCE OF PEACE

10. **21st Century Skills:** Preschool teachers are challenged to prepare the next generation of learners by fostering Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Inquiry, Analysis, Communication, Collaboration, Adaptability, Initiative, Entrepreneurialism, Curiosity, & Imagination!
9. **Bridging Activities:** Older students become mentors taking on the responsibility and the opportunity to inspire our young learners through: athletics, drama, science, literacy, technology and academics,
8. **Secure Campus:** We use state-of-the-art campus security technologies to ensure that all students are safe.
7. **National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence:** Prince of Peace Christian School was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education. This honor is given to less than one-half of 1% of all the non-public schools in the nation.
6. **Outstanding Educators:** All Prince of Peace teachers are highly experienced with 40% having earned a Master's Degree. In addition, on-going Professional Development initiatives are required to assure that current best practices are used consistently.
5. **Strong Early Literacy Program:** Early literacy consists of Shared, Guided, and Independent Reading and Writing, incorporating Phonemic Awareness, Vocabulary, Comprehension and Fluency.
4. **Relationships begin in Early Childhood that last a life time:** We strive for caring relationships between: teachers and children, POPCS and families, children and their teachers and parents, but most importantly between Children and Jesus Christ.
3. **Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum:** We offer an age-appropriate challenging academic program rich in hands-on experiences. Award winning handwriting Without Tears, and Every Day Math curricula are offered beginning at age three. In addition all early childhood students participate in Spanish, Computer, PE (especially designed for young bodies), Art, and Music programs weekly. Enrichment opportunities include special event days which are part of every week. Letter detectives and shape heroes are just a few of the highlights.
2. **30+ Years of Educational Excellence:** Prince of Peace has been serving the North Dallas area since 1981 and has earned a reputation for a high quality Early Childhood Education program in a caring and nurturing environment.
1. **Christ-Centered Character Education:** Biblical truths are incorporated into all areas of learning emphasizing Christian Character Traits such as Self-Control, Respect, Kindness, and Honesty. "Train up a child the way he should go and he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Prince of Peace Christian School & Early Learning Center
4000 Midway Road, Carrollton, Texas 75007
Near North Dallas Tollway and Plano Parkway
www.popcs.org 972.447.9887 972.447.0532