



# Heritage

*School of Discovery*

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## Answers to Commonly Asked Questions

### **What should my child wear to Preschool?**

Please send your child in “work/play” clothes in which she/he feels comfortable to play and be messy. Long dresses, rubber boots and thongs are unsafe for climbing activities. Aprons are available at the preschool for messy activities. All foot wear must have straps or backs for safe play.

### **Is lunch provided at school?**

Heritage will be providing healthy morning and afternoon snacks. The snacks will normally be fruit, vegetables, crackers, cereal, oat-meal etc. and on occasion special treats. A nutritious lunch should be sent with your child to school each day. Please make sure your child’s lunch box is labeled with his/her name and stored in his/her cubby.

### **Can my child bring toys from home?**

Please discourage your child from bringing his/her toys to Preschool as they may become damaged or lost and tend to cause disputes between children. Although, we do understand that sometimes bringing an article from home can help in the transition to preschool and would be happy to accommodate.

### **Is sunscreen aloud at school?**

Heritage will have sunscreen at the school for application. However, please make sure to always put sunscreen on your child before they arrive to the preschool. We also encourage children to bring hats with wide brims to shade them from the UV rays. We will spend a lot of time in our outdoor environment and protection from the UV rays is important.

### **Do I need to pack extra clothes for my Preschooler?**

Yes. Please make certain that a full set of extra clothes is always at the preschool and labeled with your child’s name. (Putting them in a large Ziploc bag and labeling the bag as well as the tags on each article of clothing is a common way of storing extra clothes)

### **Is parent involvement allowed?**

YES. Parent involvement is actually a requirement at Heritage. Parents are required to volunteer in their child’s classroom once every 2 months. If possible, once every month is preferred. There will always be a sign up sheet located in your child’s classroom. We also have a library located in the office, with resources for parents. Located outdoors next to the office is also a parent area, where parents are welcome to catch their breath, communicate, and socialize with the Director, other parent’s, and teachers.

### **Where do I drop off my child? And do I have to sign them in?**

Drop off will be through the security key pad entry gate (you will receive the code on enrollment) and into your child’s classroom. Located in the classroom will be a binder for parents or authorized persons to sign in the child with their FULL SIGNATURE and time. Their will also be a binder for your child to sign themselves in (good name practice).

### **Where do I pick up my child? And who can pick them up?**

Pick up will also be in your child’s classroom through the security gate. Located in the classroom will be a binder for parent’s or authorized persons to sign out the child with their FULL SIGNATURE and the time. Please note that if it is someone's first time picking up, they will need to have a copy of their ID taken at the office, and will need to be designated as a pick up person in your child’s file. Please be certain to inform the teacher when you are taking your child, and wait until your child is dismissed from the classroom activity.

### **Can my child bring a blanket for nap time?**

YES. Your child **must bring** a blanket from home to use during nap time (if they are part of the after school program)

### **How do I know my child is learning and is their Parent Teacher Conferences?**

Yes. There will be Parent Teacher Conferences, normally held at the end of the normal school year. Heritage will be using authentic assessments and running portfolio's to track your child's progress. A research based assessment tool called COR Advantage is what we will be using and it works along side High Scope Curriculum.

### **What Do preschool Fees Pay For?**

Operating Costs: Electricity, telephone, rent payment, liability insurance, workers comp insurance.

Cleaning: Cleaning equipment and fluids.

Minor Equipment: Outdoor play equipment, indoor toys, gardening tools, paint brushes, rollers, staples, scissors, hammers etc.

Grounds Maintenance: Pine bark, sand, weed spray, contribution to school fund for lawn mowing etc.

Furniture: Storage cupboards and shelves, children's tables and chairs, microwave, CD player etc.

Resources: Puzzles, educational games, science and math equipment, books for children staff and parents, music, High Scope Curriculum, Assessment Tools etc.

Consumables: Toilet paper, soap, tissues, paper towels, books for children to write in, stationary for administrative purposes, first aid supplies.

Art and craft supplies: paints, textas, crayons, pencils, paper, sticky tape, staples, cardboard, pop sticks, glue, colored paper, playdough ingredients etc.

*Teacher Salaries:* The largest portion of income from preschool fees goes to our Teachers. Preschool Program Teacher's spend 6 hours a day with your children and 2 hours a day planning and collaborating to bring the best learning environment and highest quality to all the children attending and their families. We also provide staff ratios that are conducive to your child's advanced learning— resulting in smaller teacher to child ratios.

### **What are the requirements for Preschool Teachers?**

Legally, teachers must have a least 12 early childhood education units and at least 6 months experience working at a child care facility. However, we are dedicated to hiring teachers that have a heart for children and are highly qualified. Minimum experience is at least 5 years working at a child care facility. Education requirements are: must have over 24 units in early childhood development, continually taking ECE classes, or hold their Teacher Permit. Heritage also requires our teachers to take part in on site monthly trainings.

### **Is there a Committee or Governing Board over the Preschool?**

Heritage is asking Parents of our Preschoolers to collaborate with teachers and the Director to form a committee to aid in decision making and implementation.

### **Since this is a faith-based program—what exactly are you teaching my child?**

We are teaching basic biblical principles. Your children will memorize and learn bible verses, bible songs, the Ten Commandments, etc. They will also learn of Gods love for them, which will be exemplified by the teachers and through God's word. They will learn that God has a plan for them, and their lives; how to respect others, how to respect elders, and many other quality lessons that the Bible and the heart of Jesus can represent.

***Any other questions please feel free to contact the office, talk with your teachers, or call/ email the Director.***

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