

# **BUMP's Private Pre-K VS. GA Pre-K**

If you are struggling to decide whether to send your kiddo to BUMP's Private Pre-K program or to a GA Pre-K's Lottery program, below you will find some general comparisons that may help you in your decision:

## **Faith Based Christian Curriculum**

**BUMP's Private Pre-K** is a Christian Faith based Program using the 4 Year Old Kindergarten A Beka Curriculum. **Georgia Pre-K** is a Non-Faith Based Program using a list of Bright from Start preapproved curriculum.

## **Advanced and Enrichment Curriculums**

**BUMP's Private Pre-K** allows more flexibility in implementing advanced and tailored curriculum in the classroom. BUMP's Pre-K includes handwriting, early math skills, phonics, reading, Music, Let's Find Out, Science Spin and Spanish. **Georgia Pre-K** follows Bright from the Start standards for Pre-K including developing fine motor skills for writing preparation. Beginning phonics and reading are not taught. Instructional time includes letter recognition and phonological awareness verses actually teaching phonics.

## **Schedule Flexibility and Hours**

**BUMP's Private Pre-K** allows more flexibility with drop off and pick up times. A child will not lose their spot if they are not in attendance. We also have a shorter day of a 3.5 hour instructional week and a 4-day week. **Georgia Pre-K** has a standard 6.5 hour instructional day and students attend 5 days a week. Students must attend school days and must arrive and depart at scheduled times. Attendance and tardiness are monitored.

## **Higher Quality Group Size and Teacher/Student Ratios**

**BUMP's Pre-K** has a smaller class size with a max of 12 children in the class. Current research suggests that young children learn more effectively in smaller group and class sizes. Smaller class sizes allow for more individualized instruction and attention. **Georgia Pre-K** has a larger class size. There is an average of 22 children in each class. In recent years Georgia Pre-K has increased the class sizes due to funding cuts in the program.

## **Field Trips**

**BUMP's Pre-K** program includes 3-4 off-site field trips each year where parents and their kiddo will have the opportunity to explore some fun places that will spark your child's imagination and help create some great memories. **Georgia Pre-K** doesn't include Field Trips; with the exception of Georgia Pre-K After School Program students that attend recess breaks and holiday breaks.

## **Special Events**

**BUMP's Private Pre-K** has several special events each year including Fall Program, Christmas Pageant, Easter Pageant and Pre-K Graduation in Cap and Gown. **Georgia Pre-K**, to my knowledge, does not have these special events.