



# Bethelview UMC Preschool Curriculum

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## Mother's Morning Out Curriculum

Our MMO (aka Ones) class uses the *Wee Learn* curriculum. *Wee Learn* is developed around themes that provide opportunities for children to learn about God's world and how to live in it. The themes are designed to help lay a foundation for understanding God, Jesus, Bible, church, self, family, others and community and world.

In our MMO Class, we focus mainly on socialization and play to develop large motor skills and hands-on activities. The students are exposed to their colors and shapes during this year but we do not put an emphasis on structured learning at this age. We do, however, believe routine is a very important and this class has and adheres to a daily schedule. We want children to have fun and feel safe and secure while they are away from parents.

## Two Year-Old Curriculum

The Twos class the *A Beka* curriculum. *A Beka* is developed around themes that provide opportunities for children to learn about God's world and how to live in it. The themes are designed to help lay a foundation for understanding God, Bible, church, self, family, others and community and world.

Within this year, the children will be learning shapes, colors and counting. We expose them to the alphabet and numbers, but do not focus on trying to write letters or numbers as their fine motor skills are not developed for this yet. Children will also be working on language development through the *A Beka* curriculum. Also incorporated into the daily activities are pre-writing skills and activities that help to develop those fine motor skills. Socialization is still a major focus in the Two Year-Old Class. Games and activities that are geared around development of large motor skills are used throughout the year. Since routine is still very important at this age, a daily schedule is used and followed every day. All of the activities are designed to be FUN and age-appropriate.



## Three Year-Old Curriculum

Our Three Year-Olds use the *A Beka* curriculum. *A Beka*'s lessons integrate developmentally appropriate activities with religious development. The lesson plans are organized around monthly seasonal themes with weekly lesson plans.

In the Threes class there is a little more focus on the language arts and math areas than in the previous year. The children are introduced to upper and lower case letters and letter sounds. We also work with the children during the year on writing their names. Pre-Math is also introduced during this year. The pre-math program includes the following math concepts: sorting, matching, pairing (1 to 1 correspondence), counting, number recognition, opposites, ordinal numbers, comparisons, and spatial relationships. These math concepts are taught using games and other fun activities. As with all areas of the curriculum, learning through play is what we want to achieve!

## Pre-K Fours Curriculum

Up through the Three Year Old class, the teachers have been working to prepare the children for all they will learn in our Pre-K Fours Class. Pre-K Fours incorporates some aspects of the *A Beka Book Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Curriculum* into a program that has been specifically designed to prepare this age group for kindergarten. Students are given a solid learning foundation in phonics, writing, math and Bible in an enjoyable learning environment. This gives them the desire to continue learning.

Our Pre-K 4 program includes, but is not limited to, the following concepts:

**Language Development:** Students are exposed to different animals, places, people and items through full color flashcards creating an increase in vocabulary. Reinforcement of letter recognition (upper and lower case), writing of letters and numbers, phonetic sounds, sight words and journaling are incorporated.

**Reading:** Our program allows each child to progress at his own reading level and use simple words that have been carefully selected so that children are not pressed to read difficult words until they are ready.

**Math:** Concepts used in class include, number recognition (1-20), counting (1-100), understanding number value, patterns, sorting, graphing, number sequence, and money value.

**Science:** Students learn about themselves and the world around them through the use of manipulatives, observation, description, experimentation and cooking activities.

**Bible:** Bible stories come to life with the *A Beka* full color flashcards. Motivating daily stories engage students and allow for story prediction

## Other BUMP Classes

**Bible:** Every age level our curriculum is faith-based and incorporates Bible lessons into the format.

**Music/Movement:** All classes attend music class two times a week.

**Recreation:** All classes enjoy outside playtime every day as weather permits.

**Spanish:** The Threes and Pre-K Fours classes attend Spanish once a week.

**Chapel:** The Threes and Pre-K Fours classes attend chapel once a month. The Ones and Twos classes have Bible stories in the classroom.

