

Preschool PALS:

Play And Learn through Song



Christian Kindergarten-Readiness Program
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2025-2026 Preschool P.A.L.S. Program

3-Day Schedule: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday / Morning or Afternoon Class Choice:
AM-Class... 9:15-11:40am • PM-Class... 12:15-2:40pm
Class Runs September-mid-May • Total Program Cost: \$1850 (10 payments of \$185)
Max Class Size: 10 Students • Child/Teacher Ratio, 5:1

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- age 4 by 8/31/25
- fully potty trained
- follows directions

PROGRAM GOALS FOR THE STUDENT

- follows multi-step directions
- participates in group activities
- spells & writes their name
- counts with 1-to-1 correspondence
- identifies some letter sounds
- counts syllables & recognizes rhymes
- recognizes & extends patterns
- is introduced to a biblical worldview
- experiences a loving & supportive community
- grows in social-emotional skills... i.e. recognizes and verbalizes emotions & needs; makes friends; shares; waits patiently; takes turns; cooperates with others; shows empathy; manages frustration
- uses materials carefully & cleans up
- demonstrates self-care skills
- counts to 10 or higher
- recognizes colors, shapes, letters, numbers
- handles a book appropriately
- identifies beginning sounds of words
- uses scissors & glue unassisted
- grows in focus & attention span
- develops a positive perception of school

STUDENT SUPPLY LIST

- Daily:
- ✓ full-sized backpack
 - ✓ water bottle labeled with child's name (no other beverages permitted)
 - ✓ wear slip-on shoes... that the child can put on/take off unassisted
 - ✓ wear socks, as shoes are removed...*or keep extra socks in backpack (no bare feet)*
- First Day: supply list, specified in August (usually tissues, paper towels, soap/germ-x, wipes)

IMPORTANT DATES

Meet the Teacher Day: AM-Class... **August 27**
PM-Class... **August 28**
First Day of School: **September 2**

Preschool PALS is not a licensed preschool, but rather a program of Maple Avenue Music studio. Input from Elco kindergarten teachers has shaped our goals to effectively prepare students for kindergarten. We use a blend of student-led & teacher-directed activities to nurture children in a musically enriched, Christ-centered environment.

PROGRAM POLICY

- CALENDAR** ▪ We generally follow Elco's schedule, so families in this district are all on the same schedule.
- ATTENDANCE** ▪ Regular attendance is expected of students, except for cases of sickness, family trips, etc. Excessive absence may result in student removal so they can be replaced by a child from the wait-list.
- TUITION** ▪ Total tuition for the year is \$1850, made in 10 equal payments of \$185. Registration requires submission of the first tuition payment to reserve the student's spot; it also compensates summer preparations and purchases made for school's start. Nine monthly payments are then due September – May, though some months have fewer classes than others. Fixed tuition is simply easier to manage than a variable rate.
▪ Enrollment holds a spot for your child that cannot be resold; payments cannot be adjusted for absences as child's vacant spot can't be filled at the last minute (unlike a doctor or dentist).
- FEES** ▪ If tuition is forgotten, it must be remitted the very next class day. If forgotten a second time, the child in question will not be permitted to attend class until the original bill and a \$15 late fee are paid.
▪ **RETURNED CHECK FEE:** \$15 will be charged, in addition to any bank fees, for bounced checks.
- CHANGE IN SCHEDULE** ▪ **INCLEMENT WEATHER: We will operate on a modified schedule if Elco has a 2-hour delay, as noted on the class calendar. If Elco closes, we will also cancel that day.**
▪ **PERSONAL DAYS:** A total of 3 days are allotted to Mrs. Wenger over the year in case of sickness or family emergency. If more than 3 days are needed, a partial refund of 50% per missed class will be issued.
- HEALTH MEASURES** ▪ Students will stay home if they have: fever or chills; diarrhea; headache; loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; any unexplained rash; head lice; pink eye*; ear infection*; tiredness or lethargy. Cough may also be reason to stay home if the child cannot cough into their elbow.
*PINK EYE & EAR INFECTION: Antibiotics must be taken for at least 24 hours before returning to class.
▪ High traffic surfaces will be sanitized prior to and during each class.
- POTTY TRAINING** ▪ Students must be toilet trained to attend preschool, but accidents may still happen. Our policies are:
♦ pee accidents – child will be changed by a staff member
♦ poop accidents – parent will be called to take the child home due to lack of space & staffing on our part. If frequent accidents occur, the child will be removed from class for 2 weeks to continue training at home.
- CLASS TIME** ▪ Children must function independently within a class setting. We cannot teach students who are unable to follow basic instructions, or those with a mental/physical/behavioral diagnosis. We do not have staff to provide one-on-one supervision, nor do we have extra space to allow a parent/caregiver to do so.
▪ Students may be removed from the program without refund for: parents' failure to follow program policy or make payments; theft or destruction of property; repeated disrespect and/or disobedience.
▪ Should an emergency arise, every effort will be made to reach the student's parents or emergency contacts. Parents agree to release Mrs. Wenger from liability and to assume any related costs of treatment.
▪ **Snack will be provided daily for students. Crunchy snacks are selected, such as goldfish crackers, teddy grahams, animal crackers, etc. We choose these foods intentionally; they are ideal for picky eaters, children with sensory preferences or oral motor delays, and ease of clean up.**
▪ **Students must bring a water bottle daily, labeled with their name (no other beverages permitted).**
- DISMISSAL** ▪ Dismissal is immediate at the stated ending time of class, achieved by parents waiting outside.
▪ Late parents will be given a written warning. After that, an overtime rate of \$5/minute may be charged.
- CLASSROOM VISIT** ▪ Visits to see the classroom are not required for admission but can easily be scheduled for a \$20 fee. This amount will be refunded in person at the visit if it is held as planned. Visits are held February – April.

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1

- Items needed for registration: brief phone interview for new families (unless a visit is scheduled)
 completed registration form: 2 pg.
 digital student photo
 non-refundable deposit

AFTER JUNE 15... attendance cannot be guaranteed the first week of school unless a rush fee of \$50 is paid.