

# **Risen Savior Preschool Program Information**

## **Class Sessions Available**

### **Session #1**

**4-5 Year Old Program**    M/W/F 8:30-11:30 am  
\$130/month

### **Session #2**

**4-5 Year Old Program**    M/W/F 12:00-3:00 pm  
\$130/month

### **Session #3**

**3-4 Year Old Program**    T/TH 8:30-11:30 am  
\$95/month

### **Session #4**

**4-5 Year Old Program**    T/TH 12:00-3:00 pm  
\$95/month

## **Curriculum**

### **Faith Study:**

RCL Benziger, *Stories of God's Love*, Catholic Faith Curriculum  
<http://www.rclbenziger.com/> (scroll down a little)

There is a separate curriculum for each age level, 3-4 year olds and 4-5 year olds. This program includes colorful take home leaflets for each week's lesson, including the story of the week and extension activities families can do at home. The program alternates between a bible story one week and a story about a family or classroom of students living out that bible lesson the next week. There are special lessons for many of the Church's holy days and Holidays throughout the year.

Our Faith Study also includes extra lessons on Prayer, the 10 Commandments, and additional Bible stories and faith related concepts that are incorporated into our weekly themes. We begin each session with group prayer followed by an opportunity for open sharing/intercessory prayer.

### **Handwriting:**

*Handwriting Without Tears* Curriculum, **Get Set For School**, Pre-Kindergarten series  
<http://shopping.hwtears.com/category/readiness> (Get Set for School program-green)

Although workbooks are only used in the 4-5 year old program, many of the hands-on activity components from the *Handwriting Without Tears* curriculum are incorporated into the 3-4 year old program as well.

**The SD Early Childhood, Early Learning Guidelines** are used to develop our academic program.

*The 3-4 year olds learn age appropriate skills within the context of weekly themes.*

*The 4-5 year olds learn kindergarten readiness skills, following "Letter of the Week" related themes.*

For more information, visit the following site:

<http://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/docs/EarlyLearningGuidelinesBook.pdf>

## **Calendar**

We follow the Brandon Valley School District's calendar for vacation days. This allows families to coordinate schedules with those of their school aged children. We also follow their plans for snow days and late starts for their Kindergarten classes. If it is a one hour late start, we will still have class, one hour late. If it is a two hour late start for the district, we cancel our AM class, just as they do their AM Kindergarten.

## **Transportation**

The city has bus transportation available, on a first come first served basis, but it is only available to families/individuals, so must be set up individually through City Hall.

## **Registration**

The deposit for registration is \$25. Registration forms can be picked up in the office, taken from the bulletin board in the hallway near the chapel, or can be mailed upon request.

## **About the Teacher:**

I grew up on a farm near Renner, SD, as the oldest of 5 children and attended K-12 grade in Baltic. I graduated from Augustana College, double majoring in Elementary and Special Education, with an endorsement in Kindergarten Education. During my college years, I worked at the Augustana Daycare Center. I also worked as a houseparent at Children's Care Hospital and School at that time. After graduation from college, I worked as a Chapter 1 Tutor/Teacher Assistant/Summer School Teacher for 3 years in the Polk County Juvenile Detention Center and Youth Shelter in Des Moines, IA. My family returned to South Dakota, following the end of my husband's enlistment in the Navy, and I took a position with the Brandon Valley School District teaching Special Education. After 15 years in that position, I decided I would like to embark on a new adventure and follow my dream of finding a teaching position in which I could share my Faith with my students. I am very excited to have found that position here at Risen Savior Preschool! The **2010-2011** school year will be my 3<sup>rd</sup> year here.

My husband, Tim, and I have a fun-filled household with 3 teenagers and 2 Springer Spaniels. Tim is a purchasing agent in the Prosthetics Department at the Veteran's Administration Hospital. Our children keep us on the go with band, FFA, 4-H, theatre and softball. Tim and I are active in World Wide Marriage Encounter, Cursillo and teaching Religious Education. In our free time, our family enjoys baking, crafts, camping, canoeing, and helping my parents take care of the animals on their farm.

Please feel free to call me on my cell phone, 366-7214, or at home, 582-2802 to arrange a visit or ask other questions. Most of my day at school is with children present, so during the school year leaving a message with a time I can reach you or sending an e-mail works best.

I look forward to hearing back from you and possibly setting up a tour sometime.

Thank you for your interest in our preschool program!

In Christ,

## **Miss Val**

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