



# Risen Savior Preschool

## 2012-2013

### Program Information

#### Class Sessions Available

##### Caterpillars-AM:

Session #1 3-4 year olds (3 by Sept. 1)  
\$95/month Tuesday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 am

##### Butterflies-AM:

Session #2 4-5 year olds (4 by Sept. 1)  
\$130/month Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:30-11:30 am

##### Butterflies-PM:

Session #3 4-5 year olds (4 by Sept. 1)  
\$130/month Monday/Wednesday/Friday 12:15-3:15 pm

**OR**

Session #4 4-5 year olds (4 by Sept. 1)  
\$95/month Tuesday/Thursday 12:15-3:15 pm

##### Frogs: (Jumpstart Kindergarten): \* May be layered into ANY Butterfly class. \*Curriculum will be individualized.

Session #5 5 year olds (5 by Sept. 1)  
\*Session may be Pro-rated as a full week, a T/H or M/W/F program as families choose.

## Curriculum

##### Faith Study:

There is a separate Faith Curriculum for each age level. Besides many hands-on, active learning projects, the programs below also include colorful story and activity pages for children to take home with each lesson. Helpful information for parents on helping their child grow in their faith, as well as other areas of development, also accompanies each lesson. There are special lessons for many Church 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. Classes visit the sanctuary, or "The Big Church," for Chapel Time on the first session each week for special *Prayer & Praise* time.

##### Faith Study: (continued)

###### 3-4 year olds

God Made Me, Loyola Press, Catholic Faith Curriculum

[www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

### 4-5 year olds

**God Made the World**, Loyola Press, Catholic Faith Curriculum  
[www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

## Handwriting:

### 3-4 year olds

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

### 4-5 year olds

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

### 5 year olds (\*Option for those who completed "Get Set for School" in the 4 yr. old program)

*Handwriting Without Tears* Curriculum, **Letters and Numbers for Me**, Kindergarten series  
<http://shopping.hwtears.com/category/kindergarten> (orange)

The **SD Early Childhood, Early Learning Guidelines** are used as a guide for planning our academic program.

*\***The 3-4 year olds (Caterpillars)** learn age appropriate skills within the context of weekly themes.  
The goal of this program is GETTING READY TO LEARN.*

*\***The 4-5 year olds (Butterflies)** learn kindergarten readiness skills, following "Letter of the Week" themes.  
The goal of this program is EXPOSURE TO KINDERGARTEN SKILLS.*

*\***The 5 year olds (Frogs)**, will also focus on learning kindergarten readiness skills, following "Letter of the Week" themes, however, the goal of this program is INCREASED EXPOSURE TO KINDERGARTEN SKILLS, working towards MASTERY of those skills.*

For more information on Child Development and the SD Early Childhood, Early Learning Guidelines, visit the following website: <http://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/docs/EarlyLearningGuidelinesBook.pdf> .

## **Calendar**

Our calendar is based on a full-school year, modeled very closely after that of the Brandon Valley School District. Our first day of class for the 2012-2013 school year is August 20<sup>th</sup>. We follow all of the BVSD Vacation days. This allows families to coordinate schedules with those of their school aged children, as well as allowing our staff time off to be with their own families on these special days. Calendars will be mailed prior to the first day of class.

We also follow the district's plans for **snow days** and **late starts** for their Kindergarten classes. If it is a one hour late start, we will still have class, just 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**

Brandon City Transit has bus service available, on a first come first served basis. Interested families may set up a transportation plan for their child by calling: **605-582-3553**. Risen Savior Preschool does have established drop-off and pick-up times with the City for our program.

## Registration

We currently enroll students year round at Risen Savior Preschool, providing there are openings. The deposit for registration is \$25. It is non-refundable after June 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be mailed, e-mailed or faxed upon request, or picked up from the mail sorter boxes in the hallway near the foyer.

## About the Teacher:

I grew up on a farm near Renner, SD, as the oldest of 5 children and attended K-12<sup>th</sup> 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 and their families. I am very excited to have found that position here at Risen Savior Preschool! The **2012-2013** school year will be my 5<sup>th</sup> year here.

My husband, Tim, and I have a fun-filled household with 4 teenagers and two playful dogs. 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 chorus. Tim and I enjoy teaching the Junior and Senior Class's Religious Education program: the "*Theology of the Body*," here at Risen Savior and are in our 10<sup>th</sup> year as part of South Dakota's presenting Team for *World Wide Marriage Encounter*. I also assist with the Risen Savior Children's Choir and am a member of the Garden Ministry Team. In our free time, our family enjoys reading, music, 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,

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