



Frequently Asked Questions

Who Are We?

Journey Church Affiliation

Journey Church considers TotSpot students and parents to be part of its family. If you or your family need anything - prayer, food, financial support - anything at all, please reach out. We love you and want to be a blessing to you! Pastor Staci Miller journeychurchoag@gmail.com

Tot Spot Preschool believes that the guidance and teaching a child receives in early childhood greatly influences the success he or she experiences in school later on. We will prepare your child through play and multi-sensory experiences in an adaptable curriculum within a comfortable academic atmosphere. Our goal is to create a caring, nurturing environment that fosters Christ's love. We strive to meet the individual needs of children in all developmental realms: spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional and social.

Security

We believe that the safety of your child is of utmost importance. We keep all doors to the building locked at all times. The doors are never opened for an unexpected guest. We require background checks for all visitors and employees.

Teacher Ratio

We strive to have a great teaching environment. We believe that children need lots of one-on-one attention in the classroom. We have a teaching ratio of 2 teachers per 15 students or less (pre-kindergarten classes) and 2 teachers per 10 students or less (pre-school classes).

Large Motor Activities

We know that children benefit greatly from large motor activities. We gear our lesson plans to allow lots of movement and games. We have an extremely large foyer that we utilize with scooters, balls, and various games. If the weather permits, we do go outside.

Discipline

We understand that children come from different backgrounds and have different temperaments. We always try to highlight the positive. When a child needs redirection, we simply state what the child needs to do without giving them extra attention. We move on while they redirect. If needed, we will give a child a "reset", in order to help them calm down or refocus. We model ideal behavior, including "resets", so they learn how to self regulate.

Special Events/ Enrichment Activities (Included in Tuition - no Extra Fees!) We love to host special guests for our preschoolers, that can include: fire fighters, musicians, possible petting zoos, special artists, story times and so on. We also have holiday parties or activities (Harvest Party, Thanksgiving Activities, Christmas Party, Valentine's Party, and Easter Activities).



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Pick up/ Drop Off

We require an authorization form to be filled out for anyone to pick up a student from school. Without that signed piece of paper, we are not able to release a student. A car rider paper will be distributed at orientation with your child's name on it. This can be placed in the passenger side window on display for easy pick up. PLEASE make sure that all those who are authorized for pick up, display this EVERY time they come to pick up a student.

Screen Time

In a world so full of technology, we strive to keep the school virtually "screen free". We want students to explore their interests without a screen. We want them to day dream, think, learn new skills, move, and read real books. We think it is very important that children learn to interact with other students and discover what real play is.

Vaccination Policy

We follow the Tri-Creek school system for recommended immunizations. A list of vaccines needed to get into the school will be attached in your child's orientation folder.

Illness Policy

We ask that you keep your child home if they have the following symptoms: a temperature higher than 100 degrees, ongoing coughing or sneezing, throwing up/diarrhea within 24 hours, pink/crusty eyes, sore throat, or an unknown rash.

Birthday Policy

We allow students to bring treats for their birthday! We do ask that there are enough treats for every student in the class. Because we are a private facility, homemade treats are allowed. In the event of a food allergy in the classroom, snacks that have any trace of tree nuts are not permitted.

Allergy Policy

If a student has a food allergy or dietary restriction, we do everything in our power to protect them. To prevent any cross-contamination we practice hand washing before/after handling food, wash tables with disinfecting wipes, and we avoid the use of allergens in class projects, parties, art, experiments, snacks and rewards. If a student has a severe peanut allergy, the classroom will be peanut-free. If a child is unable to consume the snacks the school provides, it is the parent's responsibility to provide snacks for the child daily.

Cleaning Procedures

We do routine cleaning and disinfecting daily. The tables are wiped with disinfecting wipes after each snack or activity. All toys and classrooms are sprayed with Lysol every day. A snack will not be distributed to a student before the proper hand washing procedures are performed.

School Calendar

We do our best to follow the Tri-Creek school calendar. Whenever there is a school cancellation or delay we will update parents via the Class Dojo app. An official school calendar will be in your child's orientation folder.



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Late Tuition/Fees

Tuition is due on the 10th of every month. If tuition is paid late, there will be a \$10.00 fee. Please let us know if there are extenuating circumstances - we can work with you. However, if we receive no notification, an additional \$10 fee will be administered for each week, the fee is late. The student's guardian is responsible for those fees. If there is a returned check, there will be a \$20.00 fee issued.

Objectives/Daily Review

There are certain things that we emphasize daily. We strive for every student to be ready for Kindergarten after they graduate. We are in contact with TriCreek Kindergarten teachers, to be inline with what they require. Some of the things we review are:

- Months of the year
- Days of the week
- Calendar
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Letter recognition and the sounds they make
- * Writing letters and numbers
- Name writing
- Shapes
- Weather
- Sign language
- Letter of the Week
- Counting by rote
- Count by 10s to 100
- *Number Recognition 1 - 10 and 1 - 30, for different classes
- Cutting practice
- Glue practice
- Graphing

There are additional things that we look for. Our pre-kindergarten classes will receive a progress report bi-annually. First semester's progress report will include more general items and Second semester's progress report will be more specific.

Classes Offered/Meeting Times

We currently have four classes offered at Tot Spot. Please see the chart below.

Class Meeting Time
5-day AM (1/2 day) M-F 8:20am-10:50am
3 Full Day M,W,F 8:20am-2:20pm
2-day AM T,TH 8:20am-10:50am
2-day PM T, TH 12:00pm-2:20pm



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Age Requirements

Class Requirement
5-day ½ day Child must be 4 by August 1, 2021
3 full day Child must be 4 by August 1, 2021
2 day Child must be 3 by August 1, 2021 and potty trained

Funding

TotSpot is self-funded. All tuition goes directly back into the school to cover costs of staff, supplies and curriculum. We receive no outside help from Journey Church or government sources. That is why we require tuition 1 month ahead.

Still have Questions?

If you have a question about something that is not currently listed on this form, please do not hesitate to contact us! We would be happy to help.

We can be reached at totspotjourneychurch@gmail.com.