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Ready, Set, Grow Preschool
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Welcome to Ready, Set, Grow Preschool

We welcome you to Ready, Set, Grow, a ministry of Sandy Lake Wesleyan Church. Our goal is to serve our community by providing a loving, Christ-centered preschool for children ages 3-5.

It is our desire that through Ready, Set, Grow, children have the opportunity to grow in Christ as they develop emotionally, cognitively, physically, socially, and spiritually. The teachers are followers of Jesus who desire to help children develop a love for Him and to grow to their full potential.

Our Mission

The mission of Ready, Set, Grow Preschool is to reach and serve children and their families with God's love and the message of Jesus Christ through education.

Our Philosophy

We desire to support and encourage parents and families as the primary source of education for their young child. Our educated and caring staff desires to assist families in the training and equipping of their children in fulfilling God's purpose for their lives. At RSG, children will develop socially, intellectually, physically, emotionally, and spiritually through quality education and curriculum, in a safe and nurturing Christian environment.

Our Curriculum

We utilize Experience Preschool curriculum for all classrooms. We believe that at the core of all learning is a trusting and loving relationship. Experience Preschool curriculum is uniquely designed to support and provide teachers with more time to observe, know, and be with your children. It helps to provide concrete materials and ideas that inspire your children through art, music, logic games, and hands-on investigations.



Preschool Classrooms

Classrooms will focus on hands-on, student-centered instruction. This approach facilitates a collaborative way for students to learn from each other, themselves, and their teachers. Children are natural explorers, displaying curiosity and inquisition. RSG staff will nurture their natural abilities to learn by facilitating play that helps them grow as a learner in small, large and individual group activities.

RSG staff will model instruction that will encourage your child to use curiosity, problem solving and strategic thinking skills, as well as help your child plan and implement ideas.

RSG's approach prepares children to expand their horizons and exposes them to school readiness skills. The classrooms are a great place to begin their school journey.

Our goal is to partner with parents to meet and exceed the standards for pre-kindergarten education. We aim to help every child develop skills that will foster independence as well as social, cognitive, and emotional development.

Our desire is to create a wonderful first educational experience for each child in the classroom as they prepare for kindergarten and beyond. We hope to instill in your child a maximum love of learning!

Thank you for entrusting RSG with your most valuable possession. We promise to love and care for your child to the very best of our abilities.

Preschool Sessions

The 2026-27 preschool year begins on September 14th and ends on May 26th.

While in session - RSG runs on the Lakeview School District schedule. If Lakeview has a cancellation, there are no classes. If Lakeview has a 2-hour delay – RSG classes will run from 10am – 12pm. Always confirm the schedule using the full yearly calendar provided to you.

Two Classrooms

(3 years old by July 1 - 5 years old)

3 days per week

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday:

8:30am-11:30 am

Tuition \$120 /month

Students must be potty trained





Admissions Policy

SLW preschool admits children from the ages of three to five* on a first come first served basis. **You do not have to be a member of SLW to attend preschool.** Children must be potty trained before attending preschool. Students will be registered once the online forms are completed. Registration forms and fees must be completed in full for students to begin school on the first day.

*Preschoolers **must** turn three by July 1 of the year they enroll.

Updates & Information

You'll receive newsletter communications throughout the year and other special notes. Please be sure to read them when they are sent home. Additionally, we will communicate through email, text, and the RSG Facebook page about upcoming holidays and other important events to help you and your child plan!

If you would like to schedule a meeting with the director at any time to discuss the progress or a concern regarding your child - you can contact the director and set up an appointment.

If you need to reach a teacher or your child during preschool hours, please call the SLW church office at 724-376-2233 Ext #4.

Fundraisers

To help supplement the cost and keep enrollment fees to a minimum, families will be asked to participate in 1-2 fundraisers throughout the year.

Enrollment & Fees

A \$30 registration fee is due at time of registration and is non-refundable.

Tuition for Ready, Set, Grow is \$120/month for all students. A \$20/month discount will be applied to the total for families enrolling more than one child. Payment is due by 1st of each month. Payment can be given to the director using the envelope provided.

A late fee of \$10 per week beyond the due date will be charged. If there is a financial hardship, please schedule a meeting with the director to discuss options.

Tuition remains a monthly fee, regardless of holidays or cancellations due to weather, which fall during a given month. We are a nonprofit preschool and depend on our tuitions to help provide quality programming. Therefore, it is important that tuition is paid on time. If tuition remains outstanding for over 60 days the child will not be able to continue to attend the preschool until the tuition is paid.

Please make all checks payable to:
"SLW - Ready Set Grow"



Arrival

Parents/Guardians can drop their preschoolers off from 8:20-8:30am (M,W,F). Please walk your preschooler into the building and sign them in to the appropriate classroom. Enter through the RSG Entrance on the north side of the building designated with the RSG sign.

The RSG Entrance will be locked by 8:40 am to ensure the safety of our students. If you wish to contact us, please call the church at 724-376-2233. If you need to pick your child up before dismissal time, please enter through the office entrance and speak to the person at the reception desk or ring the doorbell at the dismissal door to let staff know you have arrived.

Departure

Please try to arrive 5 minutes prior to the end of the session. Children will be released one at a time to designated pick up persons outside of the dismissal door on the north side of the building. A child will be released only to the child's parent or to an individual designated in writing by the enrolling parent. A child will be released to either parent unless a court order on file at the facility states otherwise.

In emergency circumstances, a child may be released to an individual upon the oral consent of the parent/guardian, provided that the emergency person has proper identification. A staff member will complete an "Emergency Pick Up Authorization Form" that will be kept in the child's file.

Clothing & Footwear

While there is no official dress code for your preschooler, children are encouraged to wear comfortable, easy to manage play clothes and footwear that are suitable for a variety of fun! This includes climbing, messy projects, and outside adventures. Wearing tennis shoes is strongly encouraged. During cold and snowy weather, please ensure your child has a hat, mittens, and boots in addition to a warm coat.

Please provide us with a complete set of spare clothing to be kept at the preschool in case of accidents or spills. If you are planning to provide your child with a backpack, we recommend going with a full size backpack to allow ample room for projects & books.

We will be enjoying God's outdoor creation daily, as weather permits. We will not go out during rainy or excessively windy days. If temperatures are below 25 degrees or above 90 degrees we will not go out.

Items from Home

We discourage bringing toys and other personal items to preschool and are not responsible for any broken, lost, or damaged items.





Snacks & Meals

A snack will be served during the day. This may consist of (but is not limited to) a range of items such as applesauce, fruit slices (apples, oranges, pears, pineapple, etc.), crackers, granola, pretzels, etc. If your child has any allergies, please be sure that the director is aware AND that your child's paperwork is properly and completely filled out.

Children enjoy bringing in snacks from home to share with the others. We encourage all families to sign up for a snack item to be brought in monthly. A sign up sheet will be provided at the sign in table at the beginning of each month as needed. Additionally, students are permitted to bring in a snack to share on their birthdays or other special events. Please speak with your child's teacher to make arrangements.

Let Us Know

When you have a student who is sick or who will be absent – please call or send a private message to let us know!

Healthy Behaviors

It is our goal to help children become responsible and in control of their own behavior and how it affects others. Children will be given positive examples of good behavior within our daily structure.

If a problem develops, children will be given a gentle reminder of an acceptable behavior. If the problem persists, students may then be redirected to another activity or asked to have a brief time away from the activity. Persistent problems will be resolved cooperatively through a conference with parents.

Not-So-Healthy Days

Sick policies are no fun, but neither are sick kids. Help us keep our preschool group as healthy as possible!

We ask that parents keep their children at home with any of the following symptoms and/or illnesses: fever greater than 100, runny nose, questionable rashes, coughing, shortness of breath, diarrhea, impetigo, active chicken pox, measles, mumps, conjunctivitis (pinkeye), or covid.

If a child is being treated with antibiotics, he/she should be on the medicine for at least 24 hours before returning to school. If a child has a continually clear, runny nose or rash due to non-contagious allergies, please let us know. We know that some symptoms hang on long after the child is no longer contagious.

Remember, we want all of our children to remain happy and healthy.

Head Lice

What To Do If You Find Nits

**Notify the teacher or director.*

**Treat your child and all household members with a lice shampoo recommended by your pharmacist. Follow all instructions carefully!*

**Use a nit comb after treatment to remove lice from hair shafts. A 10% vinegar rinse helps to loosen the nits from the hair shafts.*

**Wash all bed linens and washable clothing in hot water.*

**Place all non-washable items such as stuffed toys in a sealed plastic bag for 21 days.*

**Vacuum furniture, rugs, floors, and even car seats.*

When Children Can Return to School

**Children with head lice are to be kept out of school until treated and nit free.*

**Before your child's return to the classroom, the school staff will assist in rechecking him/her.*