



ENGLEWOOD BAPTIST | WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

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Field Trips & Fires

Leave No Child Inside says, "Field trips **enrich and expand the curriculum**, strengthen observation skills by immersing children into sensory activities, increase children's knowledge in a particular subject area and expand children's awareness of their own community."

Additionally, a National Education Association (NEA) study revealed that regardless of gender, ethnicity or socioeconomic status, youth who take educational trips have better grades, higher graduation rates from high school and college and greater income. Most students reported educational trips had a positive, lasting impact because the trips made them more engaged, intellectually curious and interested in learning. Trips certainly make learning real and memorable!

The three "Rs" are important – reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic, but so is a fourth R – roaming! We live in a global and mobile society; children need to see and experience their world. Expand the trip by talking about it with your child at home.

"A child seldom needs a good talking to; rather, a good listening to." ~Robert Brault



REMEMBER

The 30-days grace period for immunizations expires November 1, 2021. After this date, children must be excluded from childcare until documentation is provided.

Spotlight On

Mrs. Nelicia Govender, Lead Teacher



Mrs. Nellie began her tenure at Weekday Preschool in August 2020 having immigrated to the US from South Africa during 2019. Why Rocky Mount? She says she had a strong connection to Englewood Baptist Church before coming and now believes the city to be on the cusp of being both charming and vibrant.

WPS is blessed by Mrs. Nellie's 17 years of experience working with children in a variety of learning settings. She graduated in 2019 with specialization in Montessori Education for children aged 3-6 years.

Mrs. Nellie and her husband of 14 years, Melvin, have 4 children, 3-year-old twins Carey and Kristyn and Elijah and Shiloh who are 12 and 11 respectively. She has twice *surthrived* her own "two under two!" She teaches with great conviction, energy and passion. Her classroom vision is to foster a healthy learning environment through Movement, Concentration, Order, Independence and Social Skills with an emphasis on kindness.

Looking Ahead

Thursday, November 11	Veteran's Day Holiday (WPS closed for students and staff)
Tuesday, November 23	Second Progress Report
Thursday, November 25	Thanksgiving Holiday (WPS closed for students and staff)
Friday, November 26	Thanksgiving Holiday (WPS closed for students and staff)
Wednesday, December 22	Winter Break Begins (WPS closed for students and staff)
Monday, January 3	WPS reopens and classes resume



You're Invited!

Join us on the fields near the pavilion for an evening of family fun...Food Trucks, Bounce Houses, Hay Rides & More!

<https://www.EnglewoodBaptist.com/family/>

Fall
FAMILY
Fest

Sunday, November 14 | 4:00-8:00 PM

Curriculum Connections

We continue, as we began at the start of this school year, sharing with you what is happening in our classrooms. We invite and encourage your partnership because parents are children's first teachers.

Academic Themes

Our academic themes for November are:

- Week of 11/1 Pilgrims, Indigenous People
- Week of 11/8 Seasons, Harvest Time
- Week of 11/15 Pumpkins
- Week of 11/22 Thanksgiving
- Week of 11/29 Kindness

Spiritual Focus

Each week classes have a spiritual focus:

- Can God do all things?
- What does it mean to sin?
- What was the first sin?
- Who tempted Adam and Eve to sin?
- Who came to save us from sin and death?

Some parents have asked, "Exactly what are you teaching in Weekday Preschool?" Scholastic describes best what we offer: "Preschoolers learn "pre-skills," which lay the groundwork for the future. Through their playing, singing and learning, preschoolers gain skills that ultimately help them learn to read, write, build their math and science skills, and become successful students. Preschoolers also learn "school readiness" skills, which help them understand the routines of school, how to work in groups, and how to be students."



So what, then, are our "themes?" Themes essentially eliminate the idea of subjects. We do not teach math, reading, writing...as stand-alone subjects, rather, we teach these grounded in a theme. Students read about or listen to stories about pumpkins. They count pumpkins. They measure pumpkins. They learn positional words like up, down, over and under while talking about and manipulating pumpkins. They strengthen their pincer grip (holding pencils and crayons) while drawing or coloring pumpkins.

Theme-based learning treats factual knowledge as interconnected and complex like in the real world because learning is a process of integration.

What can you do at home? Expand the learning. You count pumpkin seeds. Roast them. Taste them. Talk about the taste – salty, sweet, bitter, harsh, yummy. Feed the seeds to the birds and talk about the animals. Do a craft.

Fun-A-Day offers easy (and cheap) craft ideas for preschoolers!

<https://fun-a-day.com/15-paper-pumpkin-crafts-for-preschoolers/>



The Inspired Treehouse shares simple sensory activities you can do at home!

<https://theinspiredtreehouse.com/sensory-activities-preschoolers/>

The Survey Says...

Dr. Debbie is not normally present in the mornings like the director was last year (2020-2021 sy).

Arriving in WPS

(from the Pastoral Care Office), Mrs. Cheryl and I put heads together to craft a schedule that we believe best serves and supports WPS. Last year I arrived later and stayed later. This year we have explored alternating days. This helps me because I have an hour+ commute. I have always made myself available to parents by phone – even evenings and weekends.



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Tactile & Kinaesthetic in the Classroom

Making up about 5% of the population, tactile (need to touch) and kinaesthetic (need to move) learners absorb information best by doing, experiencing, touching, moving or being active in some way. Perhaps you, mom and dad, can relate.

Do you like to use tools, build models, complete crafts and manipulate things?

Maybe you learned best through hands-on teaching, imitation and lots of practice – rather than just sitting and listening (or trying to listen). Does sitting make you restless?

Do you tend to talk fast, use your hands, not seem to listen well and find yourself struggling with spelling and penmanship? Do you tend to skip over instructions?

Do you see or sense these qualities in your child? He or she might be a tactile or kinaesthetic learner – a multisensory learner who needs to physically touch and/or try something in order to learn the concept best. Guess what. There's nothing wrong with that! We each learn differently! An effective teacher learns then honors each child's learning style to help him/her thrive in the classroom.



Multisensory at Home

You can support your multisensory learner at home:

- Show the letter (see it)
- Say the letter name and sound (hear it)
- Make sandpaper letters (touch it)
- Write in pudding (do it)



Four-year-olds forming upper and lower case letter /I/