



Parent Handbook

The Robin's Nest – A Christian Preschool

Inspiring Dreams. Developing Wings. Loving God.

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WELCOME TO THE ROBIN'S NEST

The Robin's Nest was established in 1983 as a mission of Palm Harbor United Methodist Church. It is our pleasure to extend to you a warm, heartfelt welcome. We know that as an active member of your child's total learning environment, you join us as partners, investing in the excellence of Christian education.

Thank you for choosing The Robin's Nest for your child's education. We look forward to working with you and your child during the school year.

We encourage you to be involved in your child's education through volunteer work in the classroom and other school activities. Communication between school and home is enhanced through emails, newsletters, parent-teacher conferences, and The Robin's Nest Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO).

The Robin's Nest Handbook has been prepared to help you understand clearly our expectations. It is our hope that this information will be of value to you as you join our school. Please read the handbook carefully. It can be an invaluable aid in helping you to make the most of your child and family's Robins Nest school experience.



Mission Statement of the PHUMC Board of Education

Our mission is to provide an environment that allows all children to develop cognitively, physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Palm Harbor United Methodist Church is dedicated to utilizing Christian teaching and modeling Christian values.

The Robin's Nest Mission Statement

The Robin's Nest is committed to providing an atmosphere of respect, consistency, and concern that nurtures children's natural desire to learn.

Supporting Statements

The Robin's Nest ...

- Provides children with opportunities to develop their social, intellectual, emotional and physical capabilities in a loving Christian environment.
- Encourages active involvement, meaningful experimentation and the development of self-reliance.
- Implements developmentally appropriate activities that emphasize process rather than product, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment for each child.
- Cherishes each child as a unique gift from God; allowing us to get to know each child individually and help them reach their greatest potential.

The Robin's Nest Accreditation

The Robin's Nest is accredited by the Christian Preschool Association (CPA). CPA accreditation is achieved by maintaining high standards in staff qualifications, curriculum, health & safety, Christian education, reading readiness, physical development, and social development.

The Robin's Nest also possesses a Gold Seal Quality of Care Certificate presented by the Florida Department of Children and Families Childcare Services and is licensed by the Pinellas County License Board (license # C000846).

Christian Education

The Robin's Nest hopes to instill Christian values and attitudes in your child by providing a relevant, integrated program that utilizes Christian teaching and models Christian values. Devotions, chapel, and the study of Scripture are vital parts of our Christian moral development. The Christian attitude of the staff helps to develop the child's knowledge and understanding of God, Jesus, the Bible, the Church and themselves as children of God.

The Robin's Nest Classes

The following classes are offered at The Robin's Nest:

2-year-olds	Tuesday/Thursday	9:00-12:15
	Monday/Wednesday/Friday	9:00-12:15
3-year-olds	Tuesday/Thursday	9:00-12:15
	Monday/Wednesday/Friday	9:00-12:15
	Monday – Friday	9:00-12:15
4-year-olds/VPK	Monday – Friday	9:00-12:15
Extended/Enrichment Program	Monday – Friday	8:00-2:45

Class Size

2-year-olds	12 students / 2 teachers
3-year-olds	16 students / 2 teachers
VPK classes	18 students / 2 teachers

Chapel

Robin's Nest students enjoy the privilege of attending chapel on a weekly basis. In chapel, they will sing along with familiar songs and hear Bible stories and special messages presented by Pastor Keith or other PHUMC staff. Our teachers plan weekly classroom activities that reinforce the chapel message. Christian education is interwoven in the total school experience.

Music

Robin's Nest students attend music class once a week. In music class, children are taught (at an age-appropriate level) concepts of tone recognition, mood, notation, and rhythm through songs, games, and exercises that are fun for the children. The music enrichment program fosters the development of the child's listening and group cooperation skills.

Lunch Bunch

Our 3-year-old and 4-year-old students are offered an optional extended "Lunch Bunch" program from 12:15-2:00, Monday through Friday. Children have the option to purchase a hot lunch or bring a lunch from home. Our Lunch Bunch program offers children opportunities to prepare for a longer school day, to socialize with peers, and to participate in a variety of enrichment activities. Although we accept 'day of' registration, due to limited availability, we strongly encourage parents to utilize the monthly sign-up form and register their child for Lunch Bunch in advance. Lunch Bunch reservations must be canceled by 9:15 a.m. to receive a credit voucher.

Extended Care / Enrichment Program

Our Extended/Enrichment Program is available to VPK students. The hours are 8:00-2:45 daily. Parents must pre-register their child for this program. The extended hours will include a time for lunch, indoor and outdoor play, and daily enrichment activities – such as French, Yoga, Music, and Art. Children have the option to purchase a hot lunch or bring a lunch from home. This program not only extends students' learning experiences but also helps parents coordinate their preschool child's schedule with school-age siblings' or parent work schedules.

School Calendar / Holidays

The Robin's Nest closely follows the schedules of the Pinellas County School system and/or Westlake Christian School. However, some days during the school year may vary from the schedules of the above-mentioned programs. The Robin's Nest will provide a school calendar, monthly newsletters, and calendars that list all holidays and special events for the month. Parents will be notified if the calendar changes.

Curriculum

The Robin's Nest uses the *Learning Without Tears* curriculum, *Heggerty* Phonological and Phonemic Awareness curriculum, Christian Preschool Association, Florida State Standards and VPK Standards. Our teachers create weekly lesson plans that are relevant and developmentally appropriate for each age group. Learning centers are created and designed to encourage students to continue learning and provide opportunities to reinforce the skills presented in class. Throughout the year, your child will be assessed both formally and informally allowing their teachers to gather in-depth knowledge about your child's specific strengths and goals and develop lesson plans aimed at helping each child reach their greatest potential. Our teachers are dedicated to helping our students build a solid foundation for their future success in school and in life.

We are fortunate to be in an area of Pinellas County that allows us to incorporate the community into our program. The Robin's Nest brings community helpers, heroes, wildlife experts and live theater presentations to the school to offer exciting enrichment activities to the students.

Community Partnership in Education

Our Community Partnership program partners parents, individuals, families, businesses, and other organizations with our school in both a financial and social function. This program is available so that all members of our community can connect in a deeper way with the mission of our school.

Adopt-A-Class: Help to provide items from a specific teacher's wish list; items may include manipulatives, classroom supplies, books, special items, etc.

Adopt-A-School: Help to provide items for general school use such as music, art supplies, library books, playground equipment and much more.

Parent – School Communication

Communication between teachers and parents is essential to the success of our program. Parents will be informed about classroom and school-wide activities, plans and events through written notices, emails, and newsletters. A monthly class calendar listing special events and activities is posted outside your child’s classroom. Please be sure to check your child’s bag or folder daily.

Teachers will communicate with individual parents when necessary, either by email, written notes, or phone. Parents should not hesitate to contact the classroom teachers or The Robin’s Nest office if they have any child—or class-related questions or concerns.

Progress Reports and Conferences: Teachers will contact you throughout the year to keep you informed of your child’s progress in the classroom. Individual conferences will be held during the school year, and the dates are noted on the school calendar. Parents will receive written progress reports documenting their child’s growth and development and are encouraged to discuss any concerns with the teacher or director at any time throughout the school year. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Family Involvement

It is well-documented that family involvement is a major factor in a child’s educational success. The Robin’s Nest encourages and appreciates family participation. There are many ways in which parents and families can participate and volunteer at The Robin’s Nest. Parents may volunteer to be room parents, to read in the classroom, to help teachers with various activities and/or to help coordinate special events. We encourage parent participation in all ways! Please share your “gifts” with us – your music, stories, hobbies, careers, talents, baking, art, and yourselves!

All volunteers are required to have a signed Volunteer Affidavit form on file. When volunteering, please sign the volunteer log in The Robin’s Nest office and obtain a “Visitor” badge to wear during your visit. When concluding your visit, please sign out before leaving.

Parent Activity Club

The Robin’s Nest is most fortunate to have a very active Parent Activity Club (PAC). PAC is open to all parents and to members of Palm Harbor United Methodist Church who wish to support The Robin’s Nest program. PAC is designed to enthusiastically support The Robin’s Nest program financially and spiritually. All PAC activities benefit the betterment of The Robin’s Nest students. The words and actions of each member should reflect our school in a positive light and be used to better serve our teachers, students, and families. Officers are elected to manage PAC functions. PAC meetings are typically held the first week of each month. Parents are encouraged to attend and get involved in all the exciting activities. We love having parents on campus!

Enrollment / Registration

Enrollment at The Robin's Nest is open to children who turn 2, 3, or 4 on or before September 1st of the school year for which they are registering. Registration for the upcoming year will begin in February. Registration dates and procedures will be published on the school's website <http://robinsnestpalmharbor.org/>, in the newsletter, in emails, and on the school's Facebook page.

The following schedule is used in determining the order of registration for the next school year:

1. Currently enrolled Robin's Nest students
2. Siblings of Robin's Nest, Westlake Christian School, and/or Stars and Comets students
3. Palm Harbor United Methodist Church members and returning Robin's Nest families.
4. Open registration to the public

Parents can apply for enrollment of their child in The Robin's Nest by completing the registration forms and paying the Registration and Activity fees. These fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Enrollment shall be granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, or disability; and without regard to a parent or guardian's race, color, creed, religion, age, national origin, gender, pregnancy, disability, marital or veteran status.

Registration Forms

Parents must complete all required registration forms prior to starting their child in the program.

Robin's Nest students are required to have the following forms on file:

- Application and Student Identification Record
- Child Enrollment Record
- Emergency Medical Release (notarized)
- Statement of Cooperation and Permission
- Food Experience Form
- Volunteer Acknowledgement Form
- Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form
- Health & Illness Agreement
- Physical Examination health form
- Certificate of Immunization
- Signed Flu Brochure

Change of information: Parents are required to notify the school of any changes in information on the child's identification records and to keep emergency contact information current.

Children must be toilet trained to attend the 3—and 4-year-old programs. Toilet training is defined as being able to toilet independently and maintain personal hygiene. We understand that children occasionally have accidents, but accidents should not happen regularly.

Financial Information / Tuition

Tuition is computed annually. Parents have the option of paying in full by July 1st or in 10 equal monthly installments through electronic payment. ***Payments are due on the 1st of each month. If the first electronic payment is not received by August 1st, your child's enrollment at The Robin's Nest may be forfeited.*** Information about electronic payments is available in the Robin's Nest office.

Tuition will be prorated for late enrollments, and monthly installments will be adjusted for students who register after the first payment.

Registration Fee: A **non-refundable** registration fee is required for all private-pay programs (no fee is required for VPK-only students) and is due with the application forms at the time of registration.

Activity Fee: A **non-refundable** activity fee is required for all private-pay programs (no fee is required for VPK-only students). This fee covers dramatic presentations, classroom needs, and enrichment activities brought on-site.

*VPK-only families have the option to make a \$250 donation to cover the above fees.

Discounts: Families will receive a 10% tuition discount for their second and third child enrolled during the same school year. The discount is applied to the lesser tuition amount. VPK-only students are not considered when calculating this discount. This discount does not apply to the registration or activity fee.

Refunds: The Robin's Nest is a non-profit program that relies solely on tuition payment to provide the means to meet operating expenses. It is assumed that each child's enrollment is for the entire school year. Therefore, the school offers no refund, reduction, or credit for withdrawals, dismissals, or absences due to illness, holidays, or vacations.

Late pick-up fees: A fee of \$1.00 per minute will be charged for any child picked up after the normal dismissal time (grace period of 5 minutes).

Attendance / Absences

Good attendance habits now set a precedent for later school years. Children should attend school every day that they are healthy. Absences disrupt a child's sense of routine, and children often find it difficult to re-adjust upon their return.

****When children are absent due to illness or other unexpected causes, please call the office by 9:00 am to let us know. Also, please notify the office if your child is going to arrive late.**

Arrival / Dismissal Procedures

The parent, legal guardian or caregiver is required to escort the child to the classroom. Please be prompt when bringing your child and picking them up from school. Children enrolled in our extended day program or who will be attending morning care may be dropped off as early as 8:00 am. All other students may be dropped off beginning at 8:55 am.

All half-day classes dismiss at 12:15 pm. Children are dismissed from their classrooms. Pick-up time for students attending Lunch Bunch is 2:00 pm. Students enrolled in the extended day program must be picked up by 2:45 pm.

For your child's sake, it is very important that you arrive on time and pick up your child promptly.

Written authorization is required for anyone who is going to pick up your child. Please keep this in mind when providing the school with names of authorized individuals. This is a licensing regulation for your child's protection as well as the school's. A picture identification will be required for anyone picking up your child who is on your pick-up list and is unfamiliar to The Robin's Nest staff. In addition, The Robin's Nest will not release a child to an individual who appears intoxicated or otherwise impaired.

Students in the Extended Day program dismiss from the designated car line. Please be sure to check with the Extended Day teachers or the Director for specifics regarding dismissal.

Late Pick-up: Parents are expected to be prompt in picking up their children. Half-day classes end at 12:15 pm, Lunch Bunch at 2:00 pm and Extended day program at 2:45 pm. The Robin's Nest is licensed to operate only during these time periods. If an emergency does arise, and you will be late picking up your child, please notify the office as soon as possible. A fee of \$1.00 per minute will be charged for any child picked up after the normal dismissal time (grace period of 5 minutes).

Health / Communicable Diseases

The Robin's Nest follows all health/communicable disease policies as outlined in the Pinellas County License Board Manual.

We take great pride in maintaining a clean, healthy school environment for everyone – our students, families and teachers. If your child has a communicable disease (streptococcus, chicken pox, hand-foot-mouth, etc.) please INFORM THE OFFICE so that we can track any illnesses which may occur at our school.

Children who exhibit any signs of illness will be sent home. Parents are required to pick up an ill child within 30 minutes of notification by phone.

Children must be symptom free (including but not limited to fever, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose and cough) for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

If a child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease, they must have a physician's note, stating the child is no longer contagious, to return to school.

Medication

Only medications prescribed by a physician will be administered. Medicine must be brought to the office in the original pharmacy container, labeled with the child's name and prescribed dosage. A medication authorization form must be signed in order for the staff to administer any medication. No other medications will be administered to your child.

Please do not leave any medication in backpacks, with your child or with the classroom teacher.

Epi-pens: If your child has been prescribed an epi-pen we ask that you bring the pen(s), in its original pharmacy container with the prescription and/or medical action plan attached, all inside a drawstring bag. This allows our teachers to carry the medication when they travel on-site.

First Aid

Every teacher at The Robin's Nest is certified in CPR and First Aid. The staff records all student accidents and incidents. Parents are required to sign accident forms when picking their child up from school. If an accident is serious or causes concern, parents will be notified by phone. If an accident is life-threatening, 911 will be called and the child will be transported to the nearest hospital. The fastest method to call 911 will be used – teachers are authorized to make 911 calls as well as the school office and/ or director.

Immunizations

Florida requires certain vaccines to be administered before children may enroll and attend childcare and school. Some students in our school may have been granted a Temporary Medical Exemption, Permanent Medical Exemption or Religious Exemption from Immunization and may not have current immunizations.

Food and Nutrition Policy

The Robin's Nest promotes safe, healthy eating habits.

We believe that early childhood is an important time for establishing lifelong, healthy eating habits and can benefit our children by:

- Maximizing growth, development, activity levels and good health.
- Minimizing the risk of diet related diseases later in life.
- Contributing to children's good health and wellbeing that is vital for positive engagement in learning activities.

Therefore:

- The staff at The Robin's Nest model and encourage healthy eating behaviors.
- Food and drink are consumed in a safe, supportive environment for all children.
- Parents and caregivers are encouraged to send healthy foods to school with their children in insulated lunch containers packed with ice packs if needed.

Parents are responsible for reporting children's food allergies to The Robin's Nest office.

The Robin's Nest is a Nut Free School.

Due to the extreme nature of allergic reactions in children allergic to nuts and products containing nuts,

The Robin's Nest prohibits foods containing nut products. Parents are responsible for providing foods that are nut and nut product free for their child's lunch and/or snack.

Snacks at The Robin's Nest.

Students at The Robin's Nest will be offered a morning snack. Students take turns providing a store-bought snack for the class. Parents are asked to provide nutritious snacks that contain at least 2 food groups (such as applesauce and crackers or cheese and apple slices). All snacks must be delivered in original, unopened store-bought packages. Please avoid sending snacks notable for choking (popcorn, cheese sticks, grapes, pretzel nuggets). When children celebrate a birthday, they may arrange a day to bring in a special snack to share with their classmates. Snack calendars are posted in each classroom. If a child follows a special diet or has significant food allergies, parents are always welcome to send in a separate, nutritious snack for their child.

The Robin's Nest:

- Provides rewards/ encouragements that are not related to food or drink.
- Understands and promotes the importance of breakfast and regular meals for our children.
- Teaches the importance of healthy meals and snacks.

Clothing

Children should come to school dressed for PLAY! Our students are engaged in various activities during the day, including active and messy play. We recommend washable, comfortable play clothes. For your child's safety, closed-toe, non-skid shoes must be worn. Our playgrounds are mulched so socks are highly recommended. NO flip-flops, crocs or sandals are permitted. Children may wear a hat on the playground, but not in the classroom.

A complete set of labeled clothes (including underwear and socks) placed in a labeled zip-lock bag must be kept at school. Please label all items with your child's name. Children go outside daily, weather permitting, so please dress them appropriately.

Personal Belongings

Please mark your child's name on all removable clothing items, backpacks and lunch boxes.

Due to the risk of damage, sharing issues and loss, children are not permitted to bring in toys from home, unless they are for a school activity. Your child may bring in items that are appropriate to the monthly theme or books to share. Please make sure your child's name is on these items. Toy weapons such as swords or guns are never permitted at school.

Water bottles must be labeled with child's first and last name.

Electronic Media Policy

The use of electronic media in the classroom will be limited to developmentally appropriate learning materials for an age-appropriate length of time. All videos must be approved by the director before being shown in the classroom.

Emergency Procedures / Severe Weather

The Robin's Nest and the ministries of Palm Harbor United Methodist Church have a detailed emergency plan in place, which includes procedures for fire, tornado and lockdown situations. All teachers have been trained and are prepared to act quickly and safely if an emergency were to take place. Emergency fire, tornado and lockdown drills are held throughout the school year to acquaint your child with our emergency procedures. These drills may make quite an impression on your child the first time, but they will soon become accustomed to it and know just what to do.

In case of severe weather, please monitor your email and the school's Facebook page for updates.

Whenever possible, with enough prior notice, we will contact parents first in the event of a possible school closing or evacuation. However, in the event of an ordered evacuation, we will relocate to the Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor located at 2021 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor, FL. Students will walk supervised by teachers and administrators across the athletic field to the Presbyterian Church. In the event that the Presbyterian Church is also in the evacuation area, students will be transported by PHUMC buses to the Palm Harbor Library.

Parents will be notified of pick up information by telephone and/or email.

Discipline / Student Behavior / Expulsion Policy

The Robin's Nest defines discipline as the way a child is guided to become the kind of person who can successfully work and play in a group setting.

The Robin's Nest recognizes that children come to our school in various stages of development and learning. We cherish each and every child enrolled in our program and are committed to helping each of them grow, learn and develop. Our goal is to help our students develop self-respect, respect for others, self-discipline, cooperation, and appropriate behavior.

We will do this by:

- Clearly communicating expectations
- Setting clear and consistent limits
- Reinforcing positive behaviors
- Re-directing inappropriate behavior
- Addressing actions rather than children
- Modeling and teaching appropriate communication skills

These strategies usually prevent most so called "discipline" problems". If it becomes necessary, children are corrected in a positive, constructive, Christian manner. **Teachers and/or the director will notify parents of behavior that warrants greater concern and work in partnership with them to develop appropriate plans of action.** The Robin's Nest prohibits children from being subjected to discipline which is severe, humiliating or frightening or associated with food, rest or toileting. Spanking or any other form of physical punishment is prohibited. Children will not be denied active play as a consequence of misbehavior.

If all appropriate measures have been taken and there is still no improvement in the child's behavior, the child may be dismissed from the program.

The Robin's Nest reserves the right to dismiss any student for reasons of non-cooperation or inability of the child or parent to adjust to the school program.

Parent Code of Conduct / Confidentiality

The Robin's Nest always requires the parents of enrolled children to behave in a manner consistent with decency, courtesy, and respect. We cherish each and every child enrolled in our program and are committed to helping each of them grow, learn and develop. Achieving this ideal environment is not only the responsibility of the employees of The Robin's Nest but, is the responsibility of every adult who enters the school.

By signing the *Statement of Cooperation and Permission* form, parents have agreed to cooperate with school personnel in a positive and supportive manner concerning the operation of the school ministry and the implementation of the education program. Parents agree to apply the principles of Matthew 18: 15-17 in resolving any questions or matters of disagreement. **Matthew 18 requires direct communication with persons involved as opposed to general discussions or gossip with other parents or teachers who are not directly involved in the matter.**

It is inappropriate for parents to seek out other parents to discuss inappropriate behaviors – either on site or outside of school. All behavior concerns should be brought to the classroom teacher or director's attention. At that point, the teacher and/or director will address the issue. At The Robin's Nest, we abide by a very strict confidentiality policy. Teachers and/or the directors are strictly prohibited from discussing anything about another child with you. In addition, no information about your child will ever be shared with another parent.

Any parent with a concern about a staff member should follow the following procedures: 1) The concern should be brought to the attention of the staff member; 2) If the concern is not properly addressed by the staff member, it should be brought to the attention of the school director; 3) If the concern is not resolved by the director, it should then be brought to the attention of the church Business Administrator; 4) If the concern is not satisfactorily addressed by the Business Administrator, the parent should then bring the matter before the Board of Education at a scheduled board meeting.

Violations of the Code of Conduct: The Robin's Nest takes very seriously the responsibility of maintaining an environment of mutual respect and the confidentiality of all persons associated with our program. Parents must understand the implications of this responsibility. Our policy not only applies to your child and family but to all children, families and employees associated with The Robin's Nest. Any parent who shares any information considered to be confidential or seeks information from other parents which is not necessary for them to know, will be considered to be in violation of our Code of Conduct.

VPK Attendance Policies

Parents of children in the Robin's Nest VPK program are required to sign the following policy statement at registration. The signed statement will be kept in their child's enrollment file.

VPK Policies Statement

The Robin's Nest offers the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program. Our attendance policy is as follows.

Please be prompt bringing your child to school and picking up your child. VPK classes begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:15 p.m. If you plan to take your child out of school for any period of time (vacation, etc.) please inform the teacher.

Please call the school office at (727) 786-1861 by 9:00 a.m. to report a student absent. We request this parental support to know the child's whereabouts and to be informed of illness within our school community.

Tardiness is strongly discouraged by our Robin's Nest school as it impedes the classroom teacher's overall effectiveness. Repeated tardiness is brought to the attention of the director. Parents are contacted if chronic tardiness becomes an issue and cooperation is expected in promptly remedying the situation.

VPK children are allowed to be absent for no more than 20% of the program year. In the event that your child exceeds the permitted absences, you may choose to withdraw from the program or continue your child's care with us by using our private pay program.

Parents must be prompt in picking up their children. Half-day classes end at 12:15 p.m., Lunch Bunch ends at 2:00 p.m., and extended day classes end at 2:45 p.m. The Robin's Nest is licensed to operate only during these time periods. If you are running late please call and let the school know. A fee of \$1.00 per minute will be charged for any child picked up after the normal dismissal time (grace period of 5 minutes).

You must verify your child's attendance at the end of each month by signing the monthly form. It is required that you do this no earlier than the last VPK day of the month and no later than ten VPK days after the end of the month.

Lunch Bunch is available from 12:15 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. for an additional fee.

Ministries of Palm Harbor United Methodist

Westlake Christian School, a Christian, college preparatory environment, educates children from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade in a comprehensive program dedicated to excellence in well-rounded academics and spiritual formation.

Stars & Comets provides high quality, fun, and safe before and after school care for children ages 5 – 12 with age appropriate classes and a low student / teacher ratio. Children experience a caring, devoted staff, fun activities, a family friendly Christian environment, and even exciting trips (on breaks and half days). Serving students from Westlake Christian and 10 north Pinellas public / charter schools.

Camp CUBBER offers your rising K – 8th grader the summer of his or her dreams. Camp CUBBER is Florida's largest Christian summer day camp, providing campers with great classes, activities, field trips, and more each week. Running through summer break, Camp CUBBER offers the perfect blend of education, fun, and faith/character development.



It looks like play, but we are learning to:

- Work and play together
- Respect the rights of others
- Listen as well as speak
- Grow in self-control
- Participate in group activities
- Share toys, equipment, and experiences
- Listen to directions and follow them
- Develop good working habits
- Grow from dependence to independence
 - Finish what we start
 - Clean up after work time
- Enjoy using a variety of materials
- Dramatize stories and experiences
 - Develop an interest in books
- Stay with plans for increasingly longer times
 - Improve muscular coordination
- Understand new words and be able to use them
 - Develop new interests and extend old ones
 - Develop an interest in the world around us
- Experience God's love through caring teachers, parents and church members

Play is a Child's Textbook, and Through it We are Learning!