

Colbert Presbyterian Church Christian Cooperative Preschool

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Why Co-Op?

- * You connect with other parents who are sharing the joys and struggles of raising children
- * You are an integral part of your child's education
- * You enrich and find support for your parenting style
- * You pay less than a regular preschool
- * Excellent adult to child ratio

Why Co-Op at CPC?

- * Christian community for you and your child
- * Emphasis on the arts (and science & nature)
- * Emphasis on Christian values and core beliefs
- * The opportunity to be a part of this exciting endeavor
- * Commitment to inclusion
- * Many provisions...

Church Provisions

- prayerful, encouraging oversight/ support
- facilities for preschool, steering team meetings, and parent education seminars as well as for informal gatherings/ play dates
- necessary insurance
- internet access and copying machine (preschool provides its own paper)
- access to children's reusable materials, including toys, books, Godly Play books and props, etc.
- Thursday morning childcare provider
- accounting support
- basic structure (see below)--*to be adjusted based on the needs and desires of families*

Basic Information

- play-based, Christian cooperative preschool with an emphasis on the arts
- meets on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:30-noon
- Sept. 12 - May 31 (will follow Mead School District Calendar)
- ages: 2.5 to 5 years (potty-trained preferred)
- registration: \$50/child (to be used for supplies) -- *non-refundable once school starts*
- tuition: \$60/ month (due on 1st Tuesday of the month)
- enrollment: 15-20 children
- maximum teacher-student ratio: 1:4
- all families are welcome!
- financial assistance may be available
- everyone who volunteers in the preschool must submit an application and pass a Washington State patrol background check.

Steering Team

- made up of church liaison and up to 6 parents/ grandparents who serve in the following roles:
 - 1) coordinator (oversees planning, leads meetings, and serves as point-person for preschool)
 - 2) administrative assistant (handles all communication and manages budget)
 - 3) schedule coordinator (manages parent helper schedule)
 - 4) curriculum coordinators (2 people, develop curriculum and share lesson & activity plans with parents)
 - 5) special events coordinator (facilitates monthly parent seminar)
- prayerfully leads co-op
- determines goals, objectives & structure of the preschool (subject to approval from children's ministry committee)
- helps develop curriculum to meet goals & objectives
- plans and facilitates monthly parent education seminars
- meets approximately 2 hours/ month
- approves supply and material costs
- members receive 100% tuition remission

Parents

- help in the classroom approximately once per week, leading a center and providing support throughout the morning or serving as lead teacher* (curriculum provided)
- attend parent education 1x/month (day and time TBD)
- support and pray for steering team and other families
- if willing, help with childcare needs, approximately 1x/month (in place of regular parent role)
- grandparents or other caregivers can help in the classroom in the place of parents

***Lead Teachers**

- lead circle time and large group activity on assigned parent helper day
- help children follow morning schedule
- model for parents appropriate teaching and behavior management techniques
- serve as point-person for the morning
- receive 50% tuition remission or \$30/month