



# LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Nir Family YMCA  
2026-2027 Preschool Program  
Serving Children Ages 3 to 5

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# WELCOME TO PRESCHOOL AT THE Y!

At the Y, we believe that children learn best through play.

At Preschool, it is our aim to run a high quality program that is not only safe, but provides opportunities for children to learn, have fun, be active, enhance education, explore new interests, and build relationships. We are excited about the opportunity to be a part of you and your child's lives this year.

For our returning families, welcome back! Thank you for continuing to choose the Y to serve you and your family. To our new families, we welcome you to what we hope will be the first of many years together. As you navigate the waters of YMCA programs, please feel free to ask questions; we will do our best to provide assistance as soon as possible. Relationships are at the core of the Y, and we strive to strengthen relationships between children, parents, and our staff in everything we do.

Preschool is offered on a first come, first serve basis. Space is very limited, and we encourage you to register as soon as possible to ensure a spot for this year's program. Prerequisites include that a child is 3 years old by September 1, 2026 and is fully potty trained. Please visit our website at [www.ymcasenc.org/programs/preschool](http://www.ymcasenc.org/programs/preschool) to register or find out more. We are very excited to see you this year and hope you are ready to experience the best Preschool Program yet!

Youth Services Staff  
Nir Family YMCA

## REGISTRATION

Registration is now open! Preschool is limited and has the potential to fill up quickly, and we recommend you sign up as soon as possible! There is a one-time \$35 registration fee which is due when you register. Full monthly payments will be collected September through May, and payments are due 5 days before the month begins. If your child has to miss Preschool due to vacations, sickness, etc., unfortunately, the month will not be pro-rated as most of our expenses are fixed. If you intend to pull your child out of the program at any point during the year, we ask that you give us a 30 day written notice so that we can give other families an opportunity to join the program within a timely fashion; failure to give us the 30 day notice will result in a charge for the following month. You can choose to register online at [www.ymcasenc.org](http://www.ymcasenc.org) (preferred) or you may choose to register in person at our Nir Family YMCA located at 2710 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28403.

## FUN FOR EVERYONE

At the Y, we think fun, new friends, positive role models and great times should be available to every child. That's why we provide scholarships to families who need help making Preschool a reality.

If your family needs a little help to make Preschool a reality, scholarship forms are available online at [www.ymcasenc.org/about/ymca-financial-assistance/](http://www.ymcasenc.org/about/ymca-financial-assistance/), and are kept completely confidential.

Funds are made possible because of the generous donations made through our Annual Giving Campaign. You can help send a child to Preschool by visiting our website and making a tax-deductible online gift or by submitting a donation to our Membership Desk at the Nir Family YMCA.

## YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS

Staff, as role models, are selected for sound judgment, maturity, experience, enthusiasm, and creativity. All staff is interviewed and goes through a complete background check prior to being hired. Training occurs before Preschool begins and throughout the program to ensure attention to detail. All staff is certified in CPR & First Aid.

Our program focuses on encouraging character growth through care, honesty, respect, responsibility, and faith. You can be sure that our Y Preschool staff are the heart of the program and are committed to developing these traits through our daily activities, and that all activity areas are well supervised.

We maintain a 1:7 (or better) staff-to-child ratio for this age group. By selecting our YMCA Preschool Program, you are investing in a safe, fun, educational, and memorable experience for your child.



# 2026-2027 LOGISTICS

Our Preschool Program begins September 8th and operates daily 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, until May 21st (please see below for dates that Preschool is closed) from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Nir Family YMCA. Students must be fully potty trained.

The Preschool Program incorporates swim lessons into the weekly schedule on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please be sure to send your child with a swim suit and towel on these particular days.

On a daily basis, from 12:00 to 12:30, Preschool Students will have the opportunity to eat lunch with friends in a setting that will prepare them for Kindergarten. Please pack a nutritional lunch with your child every day of Preschool. The Y will provide a healthy morning snack.

The program does end at 12:30 P.M. and students are expected to be picked up by that time by their guardian(s) or any additional person listed on their pick-up form. Students who are picked up late will be charged \$1 for every one minute that they are late.



## DEVELOPING THE WHOLE CHILD

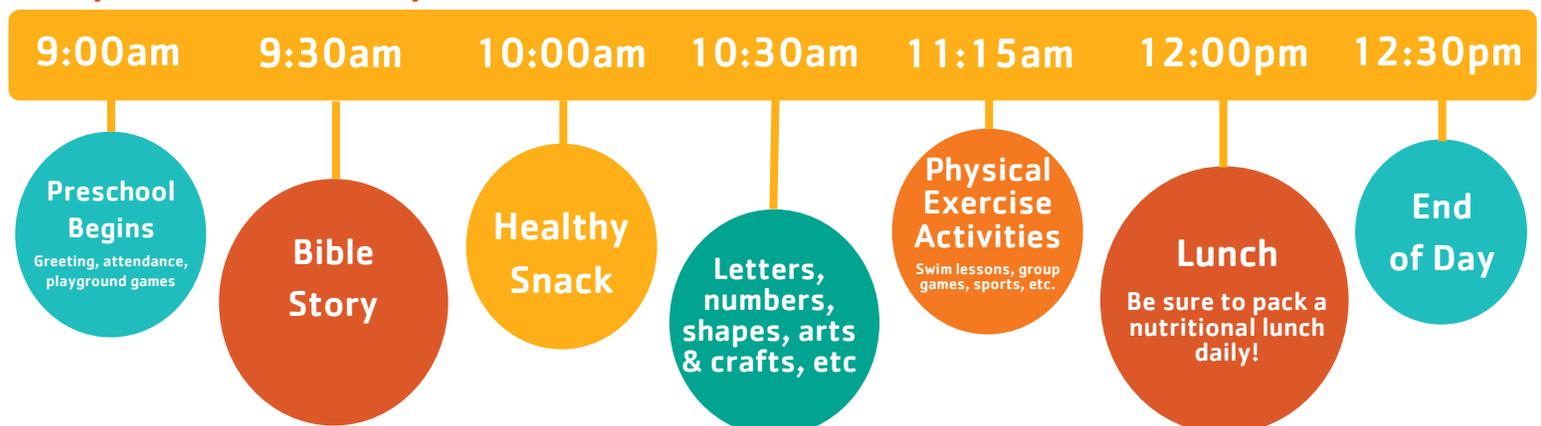
The Nir Family YMCA Preschool program is designed to develop children's self-esteem and self-image through learning and sharing in a fun, structured environment. The Y Preschool Program utilizes the "ABC Jesus Loves Me" curriculum, which is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that focuses on development, academics, and the Bible. By incorporating learning throughout the day, children will have the opportunity to explore, play, and learn new things. Activities will include group playtime, Bible stories, music and movement, swim lessons, fine and gross motor skill development, and more, that will help develop the whole child in a Christian-oriented setting; the Y will provide an environment for preschoolers to learn, gain self-confidence, make new friends, and respect others while enhancing your child's spiritual, physical, social, intellectual, and emotional growth.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FEES		
	Preschool Program Fees	YMCA Members Receive 10% Discount
Registration Fees →	One time fee: \$35	One time fee: \$35
Monthly Fees →	5 Day: \$350 3 Days (M/W/F): \$300 2 Days (T/H): \$250	5 Days (M-F): \$315 3 Days (M/W/F): \$270 2 Days (T/H): \$225

We follow New Hanover County School's Traditional Calendar. Preschool will be closed Nov 11, 25, 26, 27, December 21 to January 1, Jan 18, and NHCS Spring Break week. Additional teacher workdays may be added and will be communicated well in advance. This allows staff to spend quality time with family and friends during holidays as well as help us operate quality programs with our shared spaces.

**Mission of the YMCA: To put Christian Principals into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind,**

### Sample Preschool Day



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The YMCA of Southeastern NC is a non-profit association committed to a mission of putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.