



About CPNS

CPNS is a non-profit Christian preschool founded in 1984 by the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. Our Nursery School is administered by a nine member Board comprised of Church Members and other individuals from the surrounding area with backgrounds in personnel, finance, education and administration.

While we are not a cooperative school and do not require parents to contribute hours of service, we do offer many opportunities for parents to participate in their child's nursery school experience. Our parents are encouraged to share their experiences, ideas and feelings.

CPNS is state licensed by the State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families. CPNS staff members hold professional membership in the National Association for the Education of Young Children as well as the Childhood Education International. We are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Our Philosophy

We believe each child comes to us with God given gifts and talents. God has created each child - with love and unique qualities.

We are committed to affirm each child's special gifts and help each child grow developmentally in an environment bounded by Christian love and caring.

It is our school's goal to develop happy, adjusted, secure individuals in a climate of freedom, but with discipline, affection and positive reinforcement.

Our Curriculum...

Our curriculum offers diversified opportunities for your child to develop positive feelings about themselves and others through a Christian environment.

The curriculum objectives of the 3 and 4-year-old programs are:

- A. To foster Physical Development (large and small muscle coordination, perceptual motor skills, etc...)
- B. To foster Social and Emotional Development (building self image, relating to peers, functioning within a group, teach character through the "Teaching of Moral Values" such as kindness, honesty, loyalty and respect for people and property)
- C. To foster Cognitive Development (guiding each child to observe, question, make decisions, begin problem solving techniques, build skills in reading and math readiness, participate in artistic, dramatic and musical experiences, etc...)
- D. To foster Religious Faith (provide experiences designed to help each child learn about God and Christian values, observing Christian holidays with primary emphasis on the religious nature over the secular, etc...)

The curriculum objectives of the 2 ½ year old program are:

- A. To help each child adjust to the school setting (ease the transition from parents to teacher).
- B. To show each child that school offers activities and satisfactions different than those at home (motivate the child to listen, follow directions, and accept basic rules).

- C. To help each child establish cooperative social skills (participate in group activities, to share and cooperate).
- D. To awaken each child's interest in a variety of areas (physical skills, communications, art and science). to us with God given gifts and talents. God has created each child – with love and unique qualities.
- E. To instill in each child a basic understanding of God's Love.
- F. To teach character education through the "Teaching of Moral Values" such as kindness, honesty, loyalty and respect for people and property.

Our Staff...

Our 3 and 4 year old program teachers hold degrees in Early Childhood Education and/or Elementary Education. Our teachers and assistant teachers are holding current certification in CPR and First Aid.

A Teacher and an Assistant Teacher oversee each class.

Our student/teacher ratio is 12 to 2 in our 2 ½ year old program, 14 to 2 in our 3-year-old program and 16 to 2 in our 4 year old program.

The CPNS staff is encouraged to witness their faith in Jesus Christ through the love shown for the children, their dedication to each child's development, and their daily interactions.

General Information...

Any child who is 2 years old by April 15st may enter our 2 ½ year old program.

Any child who will be enrolled in kindergarten in two years is eligible for our 3-year-old program. Any child who will be enrolled in kindergarten in one year is eligible for our 4-year-old program.

Priority for admission shall be as follows:

- A. Currently enrolled students;
- B. Children of members of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury and/or siblings of currently enrolled students or siblings of alumni;
- C. All others.

All 3 and 4 year old program students must be toilet trained.

Morning sessions are 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Afternoon sessions are 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuition...

A non-refundable fee of \$200.00 must accompany the CPNS registration form. This fee will be applied to the yearly tuition if openings are available and the child is enrolled in our school. If there are no openings at the time of registration, your child's name will be placed on our General Waitlist. The \$200.00 registration fee will be refunded if you are not offered a place within our school by the first day of school.

The annual tuition fee for each class, our payment schedule, and General Waitlist information is outlined on the registration form.