

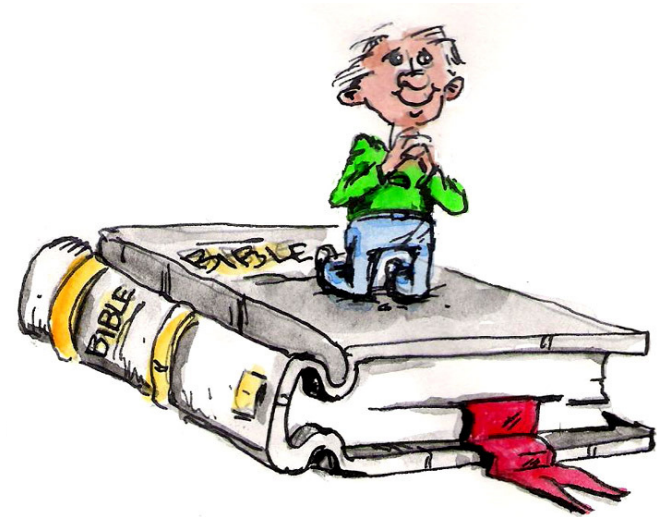


# Early Childhood Handbook



**Heartland Christian School**

*"Inspiring Excellence in Christian Education"*



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***“Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.”  
Proverbs 22:6***

## **A Message from the Director**

Thank you for your interest in Heartland Christian School. We believe you will find the quality of Christian education that Heartland provides to not only be the best in this area, but one of the finest in the Midwest.

It is our privilege to minister on a close personal basis with each of your children. We anticipate that the many hours spent in the classroom will assist you in raising your family. True Christian education takes place in the home. Heartland Christian School is here to be a partner with you in this calling.

The primary thrust of our educational philosophy is to provide a Christian atmosphere in which students may develop into young men and women who imitate our Lord, Jesus Christ. As administration and staff, we are accountable to live the “set apart” life in front of the students. We believe that you will find our staff is very willing to “walk the extra mile” in order to insure that each individual student has every opportunity to reach their potential in Christ Jesus.

Please call us for any additional information, or to schedule a tour of the school. 322-5817

***We are so excited and blessed to have the opportunity to teach your child! We look forward to an exciting adventure this new school year!***

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## **Philosophy**

As a parent, you are the primary educator of your child. At Heartland Christian School, our goal is to provide a unique environment in which to support parents in the development of the whole child. Students are encouraged to grow as individuals and as group members, both academically and spiritually. We believe that the Early Childhood years lay a firm foundation for your child's school experience. It is during this time that your child's character is developed through activities, experiences, personal interaction, and cooperative play. What a great time to have your child involved in a school where Christian principles are incorporated as an integral part of all your child does! Our pledge to you is excellence in a Christian environment.

## **Entrance Age**

Children entering Pre-School must be 3 years of age **before** September 15th.

Children entering Pre-Kindergarten must be 4 years of age **before** September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Pre-Kindergarten Tuition and Schedules**

Registration Fee: \$100.00

### **Available Schedules**

<b>Monday/Wednesday/Friday</b>	<b>8:00 - 11:00</b>	<b>\$100.00 per month</b>
<b>Monday/Wednesday/Friday</b>	<b>8:00 - 3:15</b>	<b>\$225.00 per month</b>
<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>8:00 - 11:00</b>	<b>\$200.00 per month</b>
<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>8:00 - 3:15</b>	<b>\$300.00 per month</b>
<b>After School Care</b>	<b>3:15 - 5:30</b>	<b>\$25.00 weekly</b>

## **Your child will be learning...**

**Calendar** – Days of the week, months of the year, counting, letter recognition, weather and patterning

**Music** – Creative movement, rhythm, coordination, gross motor (large muscle) skills, Bible memorization through music

**Songs & Fingerplays** – Vocabulary and language, memorization, creativity, self-confidence, Bible memorization

**Dramatic Play** – (Puppets, dress up, kitchen, store, etc) Develop imagination, language skills, role playing

**Stories** – Listening and Comprehension, imagination, sequencing, letter recognition, story telling, predicting, increased attention span, Bible stories

**Computers** – Numbers, alphabet, shapes, problem solving, fine motor (small muscle) skills, hand-eye coordination

**Art** – Creativity, fine motor skills, cutting, drawing, tracing, painting, play dough, following directions, self-expression

**Block Center** – Imagination, problem solving, hand-eye coordination

**Outdoor Play/Gym Time** – Coordination, gross motor skills, social skills, exercise

*Children have many experiences in the Early Childhood Program that prepare them for their future. These are just a few examples of activities where children are learning while at play and having fun!*

## **Supply List\*\***

Please bring the following items when you and your child attend the Sneak Peek Night in the fall. Use a permanent marker to write your child's name on each item.

**Backpack or Book Bag**

**Old Oversized Shirt for Painting**

**Washable Markers - Box of 8**

**Watercolor Paint Set - 8 Colors**

**Crayons - Box of 8**

**Elmer's Glue - 1 Large Bottle**

**Glue Sticks - 2 Large**

**#2 Pencils - 1 Package**

**Wet Wipes - 1 Package**

**Kleenex - 2 Boxes**

**Paper Towels - 1 Roll**

**Napkins - 1 Package**

**Plastic Pencil Box**

**Fiskar Scissors**

Each child needs to bring a change of clothes in a bag marked with their name. (No shorts please.) Accidents and messes happen and this will help us keep your child comfortable. Please send clothes that can remain at school.

\*\*Additional supplies may be requested through out the year.

## **School Closings**

Heartland Christian School follows the Council Bluffs Public School closings and late starts.

## **Attendance**

Consistent attendance is encouraged for each child; however we understand that there are things that will require your child to occasionally miss school. If your child must be absent, please notify the school office at 322-5817.

## **Illness**

If a child is ill do not send them to school. Children cannot attend school if they have a fever, sore throat, severe coughing, diarrhea, vomiting, etc. This is for their protection as well as the protection of the other children.

\*For additional information refer to the HCS Parent Handbook.

## **Medication at School**

If medication is to be given to the child at school, medication must be in original container from the pharmacy. Please leave the medication in the office to be given at the correct time.

## **Immunizations**

All Pre-Kindergarten students must be up to date with all immunizations. A record of immunizations must be provided to the school office.

### **Friday Folders**

Friday folders contain projects and class work the children have completed. They are sent home for your review. The folders may contain information regarding upcoming projects.

### **Communication**

Communication between home and school is very important. Heartland Christian School typically uses email to inform parents of upcoming events such as field trips, fundraisers, programs and parent meetings. If your email address changes, please update that information with the school office. Additional information may also be available on our website.

[www.heartlandchristiancbia.org](http://www.heartlandchristiancbia.org)

### **Show and Tell**

There will be an assigned day for Show and Tell. Information regarding the day will be sent home soon after the school year begins. It is our policy that Show and Tell items remain in your child's backpack or bag before and after this activity.

### **Birthdays**

You are welcome to bring birthday snacks for the class. Please let the teacher know ahead of time so an additional snack will not be provided. We will celebrate summer birthdays as half birthdays, if you desire.

Please refrain from passing out invitations at school to your child's birthday party unless the entire class is invited!

### **Field Trips**

We will take occasional field trips. We appreciate having parental supervision when we do take field trips. Notification and permission slips regarding any activities that will take place off the school grounds will be sent via email for you to print and return. Fees for field trips will be collected as they pertain to individual outings.

### **Parent Volunteers**

It is important that your child see you take an active role in their education. For this reason, parent volunteers are welcome in and out of the classroom. Please give the classroom teacher a day's notice before your visit so adjustments can be made to our schedule.

At the beginning of the year, however, keep in mind that Pre-School or Pre-Kindergarten is a time of adjustment. Your presence at this transitional time may be disruptive to your child's school world.

### **Snacks**

Snacks will be prepared by the teacher. Occasionally your child will be involved in the preparation of the snack. Snacks will be coordinated with the teaching units. A snack fee of \$25 per semester will apply instead of the traditional method of the students bringing the snack.