



Sonshine Preschool?

May 2025

Hello Summer!

Can you believe that that school is almost over for the year? It seems like only yesterday that Sonshine Preschool welcomed all of you. It has been a blessing getting to know each of your children and having you be a part of our family this year. If you are moving away, going to Kindergarten, or choosing a different school next school year, the staff and I wish you the very best. Hopefully you and your child will have fond memories of their year or years at Sonshine Preschool!

Just a couple of reminders regarding the last couple of weeks of school. Tuition for May is still the full amount due even though your child will only attend for 2 weeks. Tuition is based on 33 weeks enrollment and divided evenly over 9 months enrollment regardless of the number of weeks in each month. Tuition is still due by May 8th.

Dates to Remember:

- Pre-Kindergarten Graduation will be Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- Sonshine Preschool last day of class will be Thursday, May 14, 2026 for all classes.
- Sonshine Preschool Parent Orientation for 2026-2027 will be Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
- Sonshine Preschool Classroom Visitations for 2026-2027 will be Wednesday, August 26, 2026 for all classes.
- First day of class for Sonshine Preschool will be Monday, August 31, 2026.



2026-2027 Tuition Amounts

Tuition amounts for Sonshine Preschool for the 2026-2027 school year.

Sonshine Beginnings:

- 2 days per week (M/T or W/Th) - \$154.00 monthly; \$80.00 annual supply fee
- 4 days per week (M-Th) - \$230.00 monthly; \$80.00 annual supply fee

Preschool I-A:

- 4 days per week (M-Th) - \$230.00 monthly; \$80.00 annual supply fee

Preschool I-B:

- 3 days per week (T/W/Th)- \$188.00 monthly; \$80.00 annual supply fee
- 4 days per week (M-Th)- \$230.00 monthly; \$80.00 annual supply fee

Preschool II:

- 4 days per week (M-Th) - \$230.00 monthly; \$80.00 annual supply fee

Pre-Kindergarten:

- 4 days per week (M-Th) - \$230.00 monthly; \$80.00 annual supply fee

Afternoon Enrichment (Pres II and PreK only):

- 3 days per week (M/T/W) - \$188.00 monthly; \$80.00 additional annual supply fee

If you have more than one child enrolled in Sonshine Preschool, the younger child/children will receive a 10% discount off their monthly tuition rate.

2026-2027 enrollment numbers as of 5/1/26:

Here are the current enrollment numbers for our classrooms for next school year as of May 1, 2026:

- Beginnings - 5 open spaces with 2 teachers
- Preschool I-A - 3 open spaces with 2 teachers
- Preschool I-B - 2 open spaces with 1 teacher or 8 open spaces with 2 teachers
- Preschool II - 0 open spaces with 2 teachers **waiting list started
- Pre-Kindergarten - 6 open spaces with 2 teachers
- Afternoon Enrichment - 1 open space with 2 teachers

Sonshine Preschool will have 2 or 3 classroom teacher vacancies for the 2026-2027 school year. There are also vacancies for office volunteers and substitute teachers for next school year. If you or someone you know would like to find out more information, please contact Laura Smith.



**Pre-Kindergarten
families
are cordially invited
to:**

**Pre-K Graduation
Wednesday,
May 13, 2026
6:30 p.m.**



RAINFOREST FALLS

West Lafayette Christian Church

SUMMER SONSHINE



June 22-25, 2026

8:30am-1:30pm

Campers entering

K-7th Grade

wlchristian.com

Registration begins May 1st



Sunshine Sensations!

Beginnings



Preschool I



Preschool II



PreK



Beginnings

April was a busy month in Beginnings and it flew by! Our helpers this month were Valentin, Amelia, Lakelyn and Euna. Thank you to everyone for bringing snack! Also, thank you to all the parents who attended parent/teacher conferences. It was great meeting with you to discuss your awesome kiddos!

The theme for the first week of April was Bugs and Butterflies. Our number was 1, shape was triangle and color was green. We read “I Love Bugs”, “I’m a Caterpillar”, “The Happy Bee”, and “Walter’s Wonderful Web.” For art, we put bug stickers on a #1, we made caterpillars using triangles, made a butterfly by coloring a coffee filter with markers and then spraying it with water, and used our fingers to make bugs in a bug jar. In dramatic play, we had bugs with grass and tunnels, and we built with big Duplo’s. For science, we used magnetic bug puzzles and looked at bugs with magnifying glasses. In our math center, we shape matched bugs and counted and color matched bugs in a jar. For sensory, we used bug stamps in green Play-Doh and played a game where we caught butterflies with nets.

The theme for the 2nd week of the month was Caring for Earth. Our number was 2, shape was circle and color was blue. We read “I Love Earth”, “This is our World,” and “The Earth and I.” In art, we used #2 stamps on an Earth do-a-dot, colored a recycling bin with blue paint sticks and glued water bottles and sponge painted an Earth with green paint. We played with the castle set and hot wheels and built with the soft blocks. In our science center, we used rain sticks and did an Earth day scavenger hunt. For math, we color matched pom poms and beads and used Earth shape clip cards. In our sensory center, we had a sensory bin with pom poms and beads and used gel packs and pop-its.

Construction was the theme for the next week. Our number was 3, shape was heart and color was purple. We read “Construction”, “Jack’s House”, “Mighty Mighty Construction Site” and “Build Dogs Build.” For art, we glued purple pom poms and used #3 stamps on a dump truck, tore purple paper and glued it on a hard hat, used a truck to paint a traffic cone and glued sand on a #3. For dramatic play, we had the construction mountain, trucks and tool bench and we built with foam blocks. In science, we used construction magnets and hammered golf tees into foam. In math, we color sorted with dump trucks and built shapes with popsicle sticks. In our sensory center, we had a sensory bin with pasta, trucks and purple plastic pieces, and we used jelly blocks.

The theme for the last week of April was Zoo. Our number was 4, shape was star and color was pink. We read “Giraffes Can’t Dance”, “Goodnight Zoo”, “A Day at the Zoo” and “Who Lives at the Zoo.” In art, we glued cheerios on a giraffe do-a-dot, used animal stamps on #4 star worksheet, painted a chimp mask using forks and made an elephant out of a paper plate using pink dabbers. We played with zoo animals and Noah’s Ark and built with animal blocks. In our science center, we played with chalk outside and used animal magnets. For math, we shape matched zoo animals and used counting/color bears. For sensory, we used animal stamps in pink Play-Doh and used animal sensory cards.

The upcoming themes for May are Ocean and Summer. Our spring program is Thursday, May 7th at 6:30. We ask the children be in the classroom between 6-6:15. We will have our family day at the playground on Wednesday, May 13th from 11-11:50. It’s been a wonderful year in Beginnings. We’ve had so much fun with this group of children this year!

Thank you for sharing your children with us!
Ms. Abby and Mrs. Schurr

Preschool 1

We had lots of fun in Preschool 1 in April. Thank you to all of the families who brought snack this month. During snack we have been working on our pouring skills with our small water pitchers. We have improved a lot with most of our spills coming while we are eating our snack! We enjoyed meeting with each family during our Parent and Teacher Conferences. It is fun to see how much each child has grown throughout the school year.

The first full week in April was spent learning about Gardens and Flowers. Some of our favorite activities this week included; making a grass garden, planting gardens in dramatic play, scooping floating flowers in the sensory bin, gluing flowers to the number nine and buttons to flowers, balancing carrots, and transferring water from one cup to another with a baster. At the art table, we painted flowers using a salad spinner, and played with play dough.

The next week we learned about Daniel and the Lion's Den from the Bible. Our favorite centers this week included making lion faces by painting with forks, washing a lion, cutting a lion's mane, tracing and coloring a lion, using dot markers to make a lion, playing with Daniel, the king and lions in the sensory bin, and playing in the lion's den in dramatic play. This was a short week because of Parent and Teacher Conferences.

Transportation was the theme for the third week in April. We played with race cars and ramps in dramatic play, boats in the sensory bin, and trains and cars for carpet toys. Our favorite centers included painting with vehicle tires, parking numbered cars in the correct parking spot, vehicle dot to dots, putting the correct number of blocks in a dump truck then dumping them out again, dot marker vehicles, tracing a vehicle, and completing vehicle puzzles. We read about garbage trucks, and a school bus.

For our final week of April, we learned about birds. We painted with feathers at the art table, played with stuffed birds, a play nest and bird feeders in dramatic play, and played with feathers and birds in the sensory bin. Our favorite centers included gluing bird pictures to the number ten, matched birds to their nest, fed a woodpecker, had a bird bath, and bird dot to dot. We practiced for our spring program and can't wait to perform our songs for you!

Our Spring Program is May 7 at 6:30 pm. Please take your child to the bathroom before bringing them to the classroom. We will be having our Outside Fun Day on Monday, May 11 in the back area of the playground. The last day of school is May 14.

We have enjoyed getting to know you and your children this school year. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Ms. Tiffany and Ms. Maureen

Preschool II

Preschool II was full of letter and number reviewing, volume and viscosity, water, whales and walrus, and underwater X marks the spot. Our first full week in April was a review week and catch up week for kids who missed days due to illness or traveling. We matched upper and lower case letters using the Mystery Bag, traced the letters with dry erase markers, matched eggs with upper and lowercase letters, played alphabet bingo, laced sea shells, and used markers to trace the numbers 17 and 18. We practiced counting objects using one to one correspondence with red and blue foam squares, played number bingo, finished ABAB and ABBABB patterns, glued numbers 1-20 in sequential order, and explored small Legos in the sensory table. Everyone loved creating their own ocean with a variety of ocean creature stickers as well as free drawing on mural paper. Construction tools was also a favorite activity this week in our dramatic play area.

During letter Vv week, we learned about volume and viscosity of water using water, dish soap, cooking oil, used vinegar and baking soda to make a volcano as we learned about chemical reactions with solids and liquids mixed together to create a gas, practiced volcano mazes, and counted, determined more than/less than/equal to, and patterned 20 different vegetables in the number jar. We also used number stamps to stamp from 1-20, built with peg builders, worked 24 piece puzzles alone or in groups, created plastic flower gardens in the sensory table, letter Vv stamping in violet/purple ink, and used our vision to visibly identify the letter Vv's among several other letters. Flower shop was our dramatic theme this week with everyone wanting to plant, make, and sell flower bouquets for their friends. We also thank all of the parents who were able to attend parent and teacher conferences on Thursday of this week as it gave us time to show you how much your child has grown and developed this preschool year.

We had a Wonderful time learning about Ww April 20-23, and Waffles was the highlight of the Week! Putting the Weather pictures in the sequence of our daily Weather song proved to be a good and enjoyable challenge, and those pages adorned our bulletin board for a Week. Many students were intrigued to find real Worms in our sensory table, while others preferred finding the colorful fake Worms. Drawing 19 seeds on the Watermelon was good counting practice as was counting cotton balls and black pom poms for our White and black Wooly sheep. Learning about the vast sizes of various Whales was very interesting to the children as we had yarn the length of beluga, orca, killer, and blue Whales. They then put Whales in size order from smallest to largest and put together a Whale puzzle. They enjoyed Washing, drying, and hanging laundry in the dramatic play area as well. Writing with White on Thursday Was fun free drawing time.

During the last week of April, we learned about the letter Xx. Our mystery bag will have some items that begin with Xx while others will end with that letter. We practiced tracing and writing numbers 1-20 and many did well with this. Practicing skills we have been working on throughout the semester such as patterns, cutting with scissors, lacing, using small strokes to color, sorting colors, and more encouraged your children as they continue to develop these skills. Your children enjoyed the treasure hunt in the auditorium to the Xes that mark the spots to treasure as fill a paper treasure chest with true treasures. They had fun putting together treasure maps and painting a simple one of their own designs using the easels. Everyone enjoyed sifting through sand to find buried treasure at the sensory table and practicing their doctor skills to interpret X-rays in dramatic play. It was an eXcellent week of learning together!

In May, we will be finishing our school year with the letters Yy and Zz, explore insects with an entomology lab in dramatic play, have a Spring Program on May 7, 2026 at 6:30 pm, have our Preschool II family day on Tuesday, May 12 from 10:45-11:55, and help with classroom cleaning on our last day of preschool. Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Smith will provide all snacks the last week of school from extra snacks that you donated as well as a special treat or two!!

It has been an honor getting to spend this year with your children watching them grow physically as well as socially, mentally, and spiritually! We thank you for entrusting them to us!

Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Smith

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

The first week in PreK following spring break we focused on Easter and the love that Jesus showed for us. Students made their own set of Resurrection Eggs, which used small objects and pictures to tell the story of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. Students were encouraged to take their eggs home and share them with their families. We hope this hands-on activity helped each student understand the true meaning of Easter! Students also used fine motor skills to color, decorate, and cut out an empty tomb craft, painted fingerprints on an Easter cross, and colored/cut/pasted an Easter book in sequence. We learned about the number 28 and completed a number 28 activity page. Students experienced the walk of Jesus with Mrs. Smith on Wednesday. Our class enjoyed a simple Easter Celebration on Thursday.

Throughout the first full week of April, PreK covered the theme *A Week of Review at the Zoo* and the number 29. Students used their fine motor and creative skills to paint with Q-Tip's, stamped with their fingertips, cut on a variety of lines at the sensory table with fun scissors and glued the construction paper strips on long paper to design a classroom mural. We practiced matching uppercase and lowercase letters, identified/traced/counted the number 29, stamped letters for beginning sounds, and much more! In addition, students played learning games with partners in small groups. Playing games was a fun way to practice turn-taking, patience, and cooperation!

Throughout the second week of April, PreK learned about *Wonderful Whales* that God created with the letter Ww and numbers 0-29. Our week included an ocean animal vet clinic, animal and geometric shape patterning activities, reviewing letters M-Z, practicing counting and tallying numbers 0-29, and creating paper mosaic whales. On Wednesday, Luke Morris, a children's book author and pastor, visited our class to read one of his books and answer questions about God. Throughout the semester we have had many wonderful questions about God, Jesus, and why we pray every day at school. We love this curiosity and invited Luke to join our class to help answer any questions students had about God, the Bible and Jesus. The students were attentive and enjoyed the songs and books about Jesus that Mr. Luke shared with them (in addition to answering many students' questions).

PreK learned about the theme *Excellent X-Ray Tetra and Fox*, the numbers 0-30 and letter Xx during the third week of April. We read the book Fox in Socks by Dr. Seuss and completed several rhyming activities this week. Students designed a pair of (paper) socks with a variety of materials and painted excellent pictures at the easels. We worked on following directions when making an origami fox and completing a guided drawing. Students also practiced number recognition of 1-30 with a scavenger hunt. Students searched for shaped rocks in sand and sorted the rocks by shape. In preparation for our field trip to Fresh Thyme, students practiced being excellent customers in our Excellent Pre-K Grocery Store for dramatic play. On Thursday we went on a field trip to Fresh Thyme grocery store in West Lafayette. Many thanks to Fresh Thyme for making this field trip possible and for the yummy muffins! Thank you also to the parents, grandparents, and friends who provided transportation for the students!

During the final week of April, PreK covered the theme "God's Yak and Yellow Mongoose", the numbers 1-30 and letter Yy. Students decorated a letter Y with yellow paint and yellow paper, built fine motor muscles when using yellow playdough to create the number 30 and roll/count 30 playdough balls, wrote the number 30, and the letter Yy. Students also explored with magnets and found objects, counted cubes to 30 and made groups of 10 cubes, and played shape bingo with complex shapes. Students practiced squeezing a glue bottle with control while decorating a paper yak with yarn. They also had the opportunity to create open-ended art when finger painting and practiced being customers and clerks in our pretend clothing store in dramatic play. We began practice for our spring program on Wednesday of this week.

The end of the year is coming quickly! Here are some important dates to remember:
Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 PM - Sonshine Preschool Program - Growing Where God Plants Us
Monday, May 11 from 10-12 am - PreK Family Day
Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 PM - PreK Graduation in the church auditorium

Here are some PreK student quotes following our Fresh Thyme field trip on April 23.

"I learned how they bake muffins."

"I learned that the apple pies were freshly baked."

"I learned how they make garlic bread."

"I want to say thank you for giving us yummy, yummy muffins!"

"We did not pay money for the muffins!"

"I learned that the lining for the sausage was stretchy."

Thank you for sharing your children with us this school year! They are a delight!
Mrs. Kaluf and Ms. Lindsey

Afternoon Enrichment

We have had lots of fun in Afternoon Enrichment. We have almost completed our letter and number books for this year. Our adventures in April took us on a review of letters and numbers, to the ocean, learning about x-rays, and the letter Y.

Afternoon enrichment students learned about the theme "A Week of Review at the Zoo" during the first full week of April. Students completed a number 24 activity page for their number books, practiced cutting skills when completing a cut and paste insect number ordering activity, and completed a shape matching activity. Students used counting and building skills when rolling a dice and building towers of blocks. In addition, students implemented turn-taking skills when playing an alphabet letter sounds game with partners.

For the second week in April we learned about "Wonderful Whales". Each student completed the number 25 page for their number book, and completed Jonah and the Whale mazes. We read the story of Jonah from a pre-school Bible. We completed our Ww pages for our letter books, and practiced using scissors to cut out Ww, then glued them in our books to make a whale.

The third week of April covered the theme "Excellent X-Ray Tetra and Fox". Students practiced tracing, writing, and counting the number 26 and played a number memory game with numbers 16-26. We talked about X-rays, and then students completed a letter X activity page for their letter books. Students colored the letter Xx with black crayon, cut out the Xx's and glued white q-tips onto the Xx's for their letter books. On Wednesday, students created eXcellent X-ray fish with their handprints, white paper, and wiggly eyes.

For the final week in April, we learned about the letter Y and number 27. Students completed their number 27 page for their number books, and practiced working together to build a tower that had the number of square blocks that the teacher wrote on the board. We completed our Yy page for our letter book and cut out the letters Y and y and colored them Yellow. Wednesday we practiced writing our letters on white boards and measured items in the room using pieces of Yarn.

Next month we will learn about Zany Zebras and Zooky Zebu and reviewing a Year of God's Glorious Zoo!

We have enjoyed having your children in Afternoon Enrichment this year. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Ms. Tiffany and Mrs. Kaluf