



## How does Bethlehem Preschool & Daycare's TK Compare to Public School's Universal TK

### What is Universal Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

UTK is a public program for children aged 3.8 but are not eligible for Kindergarten yet. It is a newer program and has not yet worked out all the details of functionality. And although it is "universal" there are priority lists for application and not everyone can "get in" to where they want.

### How is UTK in public school different from Bethlehem Preschool & Daycare's TK

#### UTK

1:24 Teacher and Assistant child ratio

Credentialed teachers with little Child Development coursework.

Teaching to District Standards

Child must attend everyday

Possibility to be made into a combo class

9 month program: mid Aug-May

#### Bethlehem Preschool & Daycare's TK

1:12 Teacher child ratio

Teachers with 12 + Child Development Units

Faith Based/Curriculum Based fun learning environment

Flexible schedule- Part Time or Full Time hours

No combo with children

Year round program

### What makes the Bethlehem Preschool & Daycare's TK class a great experience?

Children learn best through hands on experiences. In our curriculum based program we believe that we can provide a great classroom experience that offers the children room to grow and explore, have art and sensory experiences, experience imaginative play, develop fine motor skills and grow in their cognitive skills like language arts, math, and science within a structured, predictable environment planned by well trained teachers.

Most importantly we offer faith development with Bible stories, Chapel two days a week and meeting Jesus every day.

Children enrolled in Bethlehem Preschool & Daycare's TK program are extremely well prepared for their Kindergarten experience when that time comes. We remember that developmentally they are still 3.8, 4 or 5 years old and still not an elementary student. They have big experiences in a smaller, family oriented program.

If you have further questions about what the TK experience will be like here at Bethlehem Preschool and Daycare, please contact me.

Blessings,

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