

PEACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL 2025-26 Enrollment Options & Prices

This document contains tuition prices and descriptions of the various preschool programming options, enrichment programs for children enrolled in both Morning and Afternoon 4K, as well as "Wrap Around" care for all age groups. Although it is always our goal to be able to provide all programs as listed, it is possible that circumstances beyond our control, such as low enrollment or a staffing shortage, require changes. In the rare instance that changes are necessary, we will reach out to discuss options.

Information including the Preschool's philosophy, curriculum, policies, and procedures are available in the Parent Handbook.

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PRESCHOOL OPTIONS

We have two preschool classrooms, the Bluebird Class and the Dragonfly Class. Since the age ranges of the children in these classes overlap, it can be challenging to determine which classroom is the best fit for your child. If you have any questions after reviewing the descriptions, please feel free to reach out to us for assistance.

HELPFUL INFORMATION TO CONSIDER WHEN CLASS PLACEMENT IS NOT CLEAR: If you've made the decision to have your child attend 4K starting in September 2026, we typically recommend enrolling in the Dragonfly class. That said, it is not unusual for a child to transition from the Bluebird class directly to 4K. In fact, for some children the ideal placement the year before 4K is with the Bluebirds.

On the flip side, if your child misses the 4K age requirement (4 years old or older by September 1) OR you know you want your child to participate in two years of preschool before 4K, the Bluebird class is most likely the best fit.

The Bluebird classroom is smaller, the group is typically limited to 11 children per morning class, and has a child to teacher ratio of 6 : 1. The Dragonfly classroom is larger, the class moves at a faster pace and typically enrolls 16 children per morning class, creating an 8 to 1 child to teacher ratio.

Each year, preschool staff review enrollment documents, including the "Intake" form submitted by parents during the enrollment process. This review is conducted to ensure that children are placed in classes that best meet their individual needs while also considering the dynamics of the group.

A couple of considerations when making the class placement decision. Knowing birth order often impacts and engrains certain traits and skills, consider the benefits of placing a child who is the youngest at home in a class of mainly younger peers. As one of the older children in class, opportunities to take on leadership responsibilities, to be a helper, to nurture and teach others will build new skills and provide a different perspective. This type of role reversal often boosts confidence and self-esteem.

In reverse, putting a child who is the oldest at home in class of mostly older children allows the child to be the recipient of being nurtured, cared for and taught. Rather than having others follow the child's lead by providing script and rules for play, the age reversal may help build collaboration and team building skills while also providing a reprieve from the pressure of setting the bar or serving as a good example.

Although both examples make assumptions, the examples are intended to provide an additional perspective and likely point out the benefits of placement in either class. If you have not had the opportunity to tour the Preschool while classes are in session, scheduling a tour may help inform your decision. Again, if you are struggling or have questions, please feel free to contact us.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Early Morning Drop Off

Early Morning Drop Off is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 until 8 a.m. The cost is \$10 per day. Early Morning Drop Off may be beneficial for families with a child enrolled in preschool and a child in Morning 4K. The Morning 4K program starts at 7:40 a.m., as designated by the public school district. Preschool classes begin at 8 a.m.

Early Morning Drop Off fees are waived for children enrolled in full-day and full-time programming.

THE BLUEBIRD CLASS*

The Bluebird Class is for children who are at least 2.5 years old by September 1, 2025. The class is in session Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8 until 11 a.m. (Because our nation continues to be struggle with a teacher shortage, especially so in early childhood, programming for the Bluebird class is limited to three days per.

The Bluebird class is our smallest class with a maximum group size of eleven children and a child-to-teacher ratio of six to one. This smaller, cozier and quieter environment is especially fitting for children who are attending school for the first time, for children who benefit from a quieter and calmer environment, and children who benefit from additional teacher attention. Children do not need to be potty trained to participate.

If your child is too young to attend 4K the following school year, 4 years old or older by September 1, 2026, the Bluebird class is the right fit. Children who will be attending preschool for two years should spend the first year in the Bluebird class and transition along with their classmates to the larger classroom with a group size of up to 17 children. Doing so allows the child to follow a stepping stone progression - Bluebirds, Dragonflies and then 4K, rather than spending two years in the same classroom.

Days / Week	Class Day Options	10 Installments of
2 / wk	Tuesday & Thursday	\$ 385
3 / wk	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	\$ 505

DRAGONFLY CLASS*

The Dragonfly Class is designed for children 3 years old or older by September 1, 2025. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. The class size is typically limited to 16 children per morning session, and it is led by two teachers, maintaining an eight-to-one child-to-teacher ratio. The Dragonfly Class is larger and more fast-paced than the Bluebird Class, making it an excellent choice for children who will transition to 4K the following school year. Families may choose to enroll their child two, three or five days per week.

Days / Week	Class Days & Options	10 Installments of
2 / wk	Tuesday & Thursday	\$ 360
3 / wk	Monday, Wednesday & Friday	\$ 475
5/ wk	Monday through Friday	\$ 720

* Although preschool staff generally align with the class placements that parents indicate on the "Preschool Enrollment Form," there are occasions when staff believe a different class might be a better fit for the child. By reviewing all enrollment forms and having access to detailed information about each child and the class as a whole, the staff may find that an alternative class placement is more suitable. In such a scenario, the family will be contacted to discuss options. The final class placement decision is at the director's discretion.

Please rest assured that our teachers are very attuned to each child's unique strengths, abilities and needs. Regardless of their classroom placement, each child will be provided with engaging activities that excite, challenge and result in gaining knowledge and developing skills. We do not have a pre-determined curriculum based on the age or classroom. We use an individualized approach to best meet the needs of each student.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is available Monday through Friday from 11 until 12 p.m. Shortly after 11, children from the Bluebird and Dragonfly class combine and while sitting around the little tables, enjoy lunch. By 11:30ish, after the kids have finished their lunch, they play in the lunch room with Morning 4K kids or weather permitting, head back outside for some fresh air and fun!

Lunch Bunch offers an excellent opportunity for children to practice a variety of skills. Since teachers are not pressured to present information or manage play activities throughout the classroom, they can sit down with children and facilitate conversations, assist with self-help skills, and practice conversation skills. Lunch Bunch is a wonderful time for children to socialize and interact with their peers while under the watchful eyes of trained teachers who are ready to facilitate and support where needed.

LUNCH BUNCH

Prices listed includes programming from 8 – 12 p.m.

Days / Week	Class Days & Options	10 Installments of	
2 / wk	Tues & Thurs	Bluebird	\$ 560
	Tues & Thurs OR Monday & Wed	Dragonfly	\$ 500
3 / wk	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	Bluebird	\$ 750
	Monday, Wed & Friday	Dragonfly	\$ 660
5 / wk	Monday through Friday	Dragonfly	\$ 920

AFTERNOON WRAP AROUND CARE

Afternoon Care consists of a mixed-age group of children, preschool and 4K, and begins daily in the Dragonfly classroom. Around 12:30, teachers begin to create a calm environment by pulling down the window blinds, lights are lowered and teachers read a story. Around 1 p.m., all children lay down on their cots for a 30-minute licensing-required rest period. The school provides each child with a cot which is assigned to the child for the duration of the school year, a fitted sheet, and a quilt. Peace Lutheran Church's quilting group lovingly made and donated the quilts. All bedding is washed at school and is changed weekly. Children are welcome to bring a small pillow and "lovie" from home. After the 30-minute rest period, children who do not fall asleep may choose to continue resting on their cots with books, puzzles, or other quiet activities or can get up and play. Once all children are awake, the group is provided with a healthy snack and spends the remainder of the time playing in the classroom or lunch room or heading outside to the large playground until pick up at 3:30 Monday through Thursday.

Prices listed include programming from 8 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 12 p.m. on Fridays.

Days / Week	Class Days & Options	10 Installments of	
2 / wk	Tues & Thurs	Bluebird	\$ 780
	Monday & Wed OR Tuesday & Thursday	Dragonfly	\$ 700
3 / wk	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	Bluebird	\$ 960
		Dragonfly	\$ 900
Full-Time	Preschool & Lunch Bunch Mon – Friday Afternoon Wrap Care Mon – Thursday	Dragonfly	\$ 1165

OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN IN 4K FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation is an enrichment option for children attending Morning and Afternoon 4K. The class is offered Monday through Thursday from 10:20 until 11 a.m. Children enrolled in Morning 4K may participate in Faith Formation immediately following 4K. Children enrolled in Afternoon 4K who enroll in Faith begin their school day at 10:20 with Faith class, followed by lunch from 11 until 11:35, at which time teachers escort children to Afternoon 4K. Children enrolled in Morning and Afternoon 4K combine for Faith class.

Faith Formation class focuses on strong, positive character traits found throughout the Bible. Examples include compassion, sharing, giving, kindness and forgiveness through the telling of Bible stories, visual art, drama and music. Each year the Faith Formation class spearheads a food drive for our local food pantry. All children enrolled in Faith Formation, join children from the Bluebird and Dragonfly class to perform the beloved annual Christmas Program.

Children do not need to be Lutheran or have any type of religious background to benefit from and enjoy the class.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is available Monday through Friday, running from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Children bring a packed lunch from home and eat in small groups with peers from Morning and Afternoon 4K. At 11:35 a.m., teachers walk Afternoon 4K students to their class. After they depart, children enrolled in the Bluebird and Dragonfly class join Morning 4K students and spend the rest of lunch bunch class playing in the lunchroom or, weather permitting, spend time outside on the big playground.

AFTERNOON WRAP AROUND CARE

Afternoon Wrap-Around Care is available Monday through Thursday from noon until 3:30 p.m. The Afternoon Wrap Around class is a multi-age group, including children from the Bluebird, Dragonfly, and Morning 4K. The group, referred to by staff as the "Afternoon Sweeties" has between 8 to 10 children depending on the day of the week.

Enrollment options include 2, 3, or 4 days = full time as no Wrap Around Care is available on Fridays. For additional details, please refer to the "Afternoon Wrap Around" section found on page 4.

IMPORTANT: Full-time enrollment requires the child to be in MORNING 4K

MORNING 4K ENRICHMENT OPTIONS

Faith Formation 10:20 – 11 a.m. Two Days Per Week	10 Installments of \$ 250
Faith Formation and Lunch Bunch 10:20 – 12 p.m. Two Days Per Week	10 Installments of \$ 380
Four Days Per Week	\$ 580
Five Days Per Week*	\$ 720

*Enrollment for programming five days per week is limited, and spots are filled in the following order: full-time students, students attending Monday through Friday through lunch bunch, and Morning 4K students who have a younger sibling attending Friday morning class.

Full Day Enrollment ** Monday – Thursday until 3:30, Fridays until noon.	10 Installments of
Two Days Per Week	\$ 650
Four Days Per Week	\$ 920
Full time**	\$ 1150

**Full-time programming includes Faith Formation Monday through Thursday (because Faith Formation is not an option on Fridays, 4K students spend that time in a small, cozy group setting with some additional time to play) Full-time students participate in Lunch Bunch Monday through Friday from 11 until 12 p.m. and Afternoon Wrap Around Care Monday through Thursday until 3:30. Full-time programming ends at noon on Fridays. Afternoon Wrap Around Care is not available on Fridays.

AFTERNOON 4K ENRICHMENT OPTIONS

Faith Formation & Lunch Bunch 10:20 – 11:35 a.m.	10 Installments of
Two Days Per Week	\$ 330
Four Days Per Week	\$ 490

IMPORTANT NOTES for MORNING & AFTERNOON 4K

Peace Preschool does not offer programming on days the WCSD is not in session. Please refer to the 2024/2025 Family Calendar to ensure the Preschool's academic school calendar works for your family.

If you choose to enroll your 4K student in an enrichment program or extended care, you will need to complete Peace Preschool's 4K Enrollment process, a process separate from the school district.

4K Enrollment is administered through the Waunakee Public School District. If you have questions, please contact Miranda Moe, WCSD's 4K Coordinator 608 849 1900 ext. 7114.

If enrolling your 4K student in programming with Peace, communicate as you register your child for 4K with the school district.

In the event you enroll your child in Peace Preschool's enrichment or extended day and your child is not placed at Peace for 4K, we will cancel the enrollment contract as long as written notification is provided to the Preschool director by May 10, 2025.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Peace Lutheran Preschool is committed to honoring the founding vision of creating a high-quality early care and learning program that is affordable and accessible. If tuition causes financial hardship or could prevent enrollment, please contact us to discuss the Preschool's Scholarship Fund.

SIBLING DISCOUNT

A 10% sibling discount is available for siblings enrolled in full-day and full-time programming.