



Choosing the best **kindergarten** for your child can be a daunting task. Public school? Private school? Full Day? Half Day? Each comes with its own advantages and disadvantages. Clearly, the goal is to determine which environment will best meet the needs of your child and your family.

Advantages Of Choosing Small Blessings:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Ratios: 2:20 (1:25 in public schools) • Individualized Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum • Open Door Policy • Quarterly assessments and conferences • Full day program/half day program • Transportation to area schools for half day program • Sick Bay • Indiana Paths to Quality, Level 4 Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutritious meals included (breakfast, lunch, AM and PM Snacks) • Daily face-to-face communication with teachers • Daily take home report with observations • Online curriculum with individual portfolio • Before and After School Care included in tuition • Loving, qualified Staff • Fewer Holiday and Vacation days • N.A.E.Y.C Accredited Center |
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At Small Blessings, the experiences and environment are tailored to **meet each student's unique needs and stimulate learning** in all developmental areas. The teachers will implement a developmentally appropriate curriculum for the students. This helps students of all levels and **individuals with exceptional capabilities** have the opportunity to **progress at an advanced pace**, receiving support and encouragement at each step. Students spend the majority of their day actively engaged with manipulative materials, allowing them to construct their knowledge from experiences that are meaningful to them. The teacher guides the children's inquiry in a way that requires each child to stretch himself but children experience a classroom in which they are more autonomous—able to make more decisions for themselves and have more opportunities to work individually or in small groups. There is a tremendous amount of socialization that prepares children for public school life.

Many families need **longer hours of care** than the typical kindergarten day and enjoy the **convenience** of the Before School, After School, and Late Pick-up options, Sick Bay and comfort in the knowledge their child is in a safe, enjoyable environment with qualified staff. Additionally, our school year calendar has **less "closed" days** than the public schools, and most private schools too!

The balanced daily schedule includes large and small group times as well as individual learning activities. When students are expected to sit and attend for a period of time, it is followed by a time with the opportunity to move about freely. Students have opportunities to **make choices, solve problems, practice responsibility, and have time for personal thinking and communicating with other students**. During center times, language arts skills and mathematics concepts are nurtured and applied.

A quiet / rest time is provided for students to rekindle their energies to be more productive during the afternoon. Rest time can include quiet learning activities such as stories and journaling and can be an opportunity for individual students to pursue **special projects**. On days when the children's' rest needs may be greater (following holidays, field trips, or time changes), rest time may be adjusted accordingly. As the children mature and have longer attention spans, they may need less time to rest.

In the classroom, the following characteristics can be observed:

- *Small groups or individuals are **working at many things simultaneously**.*
- *The atmosphere is informal, yet shows evidence of good organization.*
- *Students use **calm voices** as they engage in happy, serious conversation.*
- *The **teacher serves as a facilitator** while **students work independently**.*
- *Room arrangement allows for **both quiet and active** areas.*
- *Students are **taking responsibility** for both assigned and unassigned work.*
- *An **abundance of materials** is available to support creativity and problem solving.*
- *Teacher will be **working with individuals or small groups** during center and rest times.*

Small Blessings Kindergarten program is accepting children who are
5 years old on or before September 1, 2012.

Full Day Program

6:30 am – 6:00 pm

Wrap Around Program

Schools Served:

Zionsville, Eagle, Pleasantview, Stonegate

Pike: Fishback

6:30 am-12:30 pm and transportation to school

Transportation from school and care from 3:30-6:00 pm

For this option, enroll your child in **PM** Kindergarten

One Way Program

6:30 am-12:30 pm and transportation to school one way only