WHY CHOOSE **SALEM EARLY CHILDHOOD?**

We educate the "whole child" Birth through 4 years.

Luke 2:52: "and Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." Jesus grew intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually.

Our educators have a depth and breadth of understanding of how children develop.
Salem Early Childhood provides curriculum that supports this growth.





We provide a safe environment in which to learn and grow.

Current brain research has proven what we already believed—that a safe, nurturing, structured environment in which a child feels secure, sets the stage for optimal learning. It is our goal to provide quality programs that ensure each child the opportunity to learn and grow at their own rate and in their own way. We believe in a relaxed, informal atmosphere with special interest centers in the room for the children to explore, experiment, discover and develop in a way unique to them.

We are dedicated to giving each child the feeling of being loved and accepted.

Feeling loved promotes a positive self-image and enables a child to love others. With God's help we strive to provide you and your child with a positive learning experience.



Early Childhood FAQS

When was Salem School established?

Our elementary school was established in 1853, celebrating more than 172 years in ministry. Early childhood began in 1981, celebrating over 44 years in ministry.

What early childhood programs are offered?

We offer full-time, two, three and five days a week programs from birth through age four, pre-kindergarten.

Can my child attend elementary school at Salem?

Yes. Salem Lutheran School educates through the eighth grade.

What is Salem's Early Childhood philosophy?

We adhere to the philosophy of educating the "whole child", mind, body and soul. Children are given the opportunity to grow and learn at their own pace and in their own way. The emphasis of the program is planned, purposeful play that allows the children to learn from hands-on experiences; thus enhancing pre-reading, pre-language and pre-math skills. The children are guided positively so that they can become responsible and caring individuals; self-motivated and self-controlled.

Is Salem's Early Childhood licensed?

Yes. We adhere to the licensing criteria of the Texas Department of Protective and Family Services, the Harris County Fire Marshal, and the Harris County Health Department.

Is Salem's Early Childhood accredited?

Yes. We are accredited by the National Lutheran Schools Association.

What type of curriculum is used?

The curriculum is thematic based and themes are changed on a regular basis. Themes are consistent throughout the center, while concepts and activities are adjusted to meet the needs of the developmental age of each group. The themes are relevant to the child's world so they have concrete experiences to learn from. In-house field trips are periodically arranged with visitors to give the children extended hands-on learning experiences. All ages attend a music and movement class weekly. Specific language arts and math curriculum are introduced in the pre-K class.

What types of evaluations are used?

Annual assessments are done by the teacher in the following areas: language arts, motor skills, socialization, cognitive and self-help skills. The assessments are done through observation and one-on-one games. In addition to this, children that are 4 by September 1 are given a vision and hearing screening.

Are teachers trained and experienced?

We are blessed with a teaching staff that has many years of experience in early childhood education.

Our teachers truly love what they do. They keep abreast of new developments in the early childhood field by obtaining annual training through local and state conferences.



