

Gethsemane Early Learning Center Philosophy

It is the philosophy of Gethsemane Early Learning Center that young children learn most effectively when they have the opportunity to explore their environment and experience a variety of materials and situations.



Gethsemane Early Learning Center is a Christ-centered program. Learning experiences are taught from the Christian perspective that each child is a child of God and that all people are deserving of respect as creatures of God. In accordance with this philosophy, we include prayer, worship, Bible stories and teachings, and service to others.



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Driving Directions

We are located on the corner of McKnight Road and Stillwater Road (Lakewood Drive) in Maplewood under 2 miles north of I-94, 3 miles south of Highway 36, and 4 miles west of 694/494.

GETHEMANE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Where Academic Excellence
and Faith Formation
Walk Hand in Hand

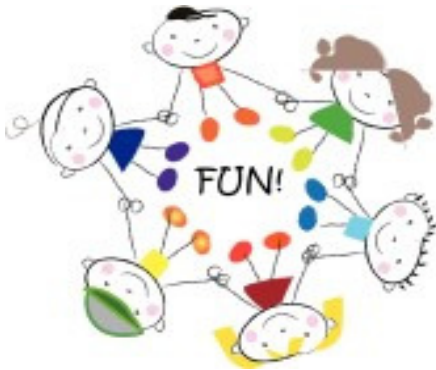


Those who are planted in
the house of the Lord will
come up tall and strong in
His gardens.



Building a Strong Foundation for Success

Gethsemane Early Learning Center (GELC) actively seeks preschool students whose families desire to partner with us to provide a strong foundation for learning grounded in God's love for each child. GELC strives to provide a preschool where character development, learning and faith formation walk hand-in-hand. We are committed to raising generations of children who are equipped in mind, body and spirit to be servants of Christ in the world. We look forward to partnering with you to nurture and support your child's faith formation and academic success.



Families

Gethsemane Early Learning Center welcomes and encourages family involvement. Opportunities for families to be involved include, but are not limited to:

- assisting in the classroom
- participating in preschool and school-wide activities as volunteers
- connecting with staff
- chaperoning field trips
- supporting staff with material preparation

Children

The Gethsemane Early Learning Center (GELC) provides an environment that:

- is nurturing and child centered
- engages children in hands on learning
- promotes literacy, language and pre-math skills
- encourages children to explore, question discover, think and problem solve
- recognizes children as individuals



Staff

Gethsemane Early Learning Center (GELC) teaching staff and administration bring years of educational experience and are highly skilled instructors who are responsive to the learning needs of young children. Lead teachers hold a valid MN teaching license. Communication with families is highly encouraged through newsletters, conferences, phone calls, e-mails, and informational bulletin boards.

Highlights

- GELC provides a developmentally appropriate, academic environment established on Christian values
- embrace prayer, worship, Bible stories and teachings, and service to others
- incorporation of Creative Curriculum
- attention to pre-literacy skills
- large muscle facilities including an outdoor playground and gymnasium
- educational field trips
- portfolios to collect children's work and capture their unique creative expression
- newly renovated classrooms
- convenient location



Program

Gethsemane Early Learning Center (GELC) engages and supports children, within a Christian environment, as they gain the skills and knowledge they need to enter school ready to achieve and excel at learning. GELC recognizes that the development of the whole child requires exploration across a wide range of learning activities. Classrooms focus on the individual cognitive, language, physical, social and emotional development of each child.