

Our goal is to make Christian education and daycare available to families who desire it for their children. The school does not receive governmental assistance and is not endowed or supported by outside organizations. Our tuition rates are reasonable when comparing both locally and statewide.

For additional information please contact our Business Office: 757-484-4136.

**Registration Fee**

Before April 30	\$150
After April 30	\$225

**Family Facility Fee** \$200

**Family FACTS/RenWeb Fee** \$125

**Preschool Book Fee** \$175

**Tuition for School Year** \$5,200

The following are add-on options, depending on your need for childcare.

<b>Before Care</b> 6:30-7:30	\$1,000
<b>Before Care</b> 7:00-7:30	\$550
<b>After Care</b> until 4:00	\$1,000
<b>After Care</b> until 5:00	\$1,500

*Monthly and bi-monthly payment plans are available. We offer multiple child discounts and pay-in-full discounts.*

2023-2024

*Sweethaven Christian Academy*

# Preschool Information

**We build strong foundations.**



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## LEARNING IS FUN!

The preschool department of Sweethaven Christian Academy provides quality programs for children ages 3 and 4. We have been helping young families meet the social, physical, and cognitive needs of their children for over 40 years.

The school year runs September to June. Sweethaven provides care as needed starting at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday. The main educational instruction takes place during the morning hours.

As an educational ministry of Sweethaven Baptist Church, our preschool is religiously exempt from licensure and is classified as a “religiously exempt child day center.” It is our goal to provide the right foundations to build active minds and happy hearts.



## STRONG ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Sweethaven Christian Academy provides both an environment and a curriculum conducive to effective learning. We believe quality education includes building strong spiritual character, patriotism, and self-discipline. Careful planning and textbook selection provide a quality curriculum with the student in mind. We use the *Abeka* curriculum for all subjects. The *Abeka* approach to Christian education keeps learning lively, interesting, and memorable. For more information on the *Abeka* curriculum, go to [www.abeka.com](http://www.abeka.com).

### Goals for Preschool Students

- Understand Bible truths
- Recognize names and sounds of vowels and consonants
- Read phonetic blends
- Sound one-vowel and two-vowel words
- Read sentences and stories with one-vowel and two-vowel words
- Demonstrate proper manuscript formation
- Develop language and listening skills
- Count and recognize numbers
- Understand math concepts
- Demonstrate respect and obedience to teachers

## WE MAKE REGISTRATION EASY

We invite you to schedule a tour of our preschool!

To register, submit the following to the school office:

1. Completed preschool application
2. Registration fee
3. Copy of birth certificate

We will review your application and our Business Office will assist you with payment options. We will prepare a financial contract specifically for your family. Return your signed contract and registration fee to the Business Office.

Registration is not finalized nor space reserved in a class until we receive your registration fee and signed financial contract.

Submit the Virginia Health Form or an acceptable form from your child's physician before the first day of school. (It does not need to be submitted at registration.)

## IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR PRESCHOOL?

We find that most children at the age of three are ready for our program. However, here are a few things to keep in mind as you consider Sweethaven:

- Students must have had their third birthday by the end of October to enroll in our 3-year-old program. All children turning 3 after the end of October must wait until the following Fall session to start.
- To attend our 4-year-old classes, a new student must turn 4 by the end of September.
- All students must be completely potty-trained. No pull-ups are allowed. Students must be able to attend to bathroom needs without assistance.
- Preschool schedules follow typical routines day in and day out. Your child should be used to following a routine at home and should demonstrate self-control.
- Naptime is a part of our daily schedule. Even if your child does not nap at home, he will still be expected to quietly stay on his cot during naptime.

*Sweethaven reserves the right to determine whether a child is adjusting well. We will let you know if your child should wait another semester to start preschool.*