



Ridgeway Preschool was established in 1966 to provide a quality preschool program in the Ridgeway Church community. The school's program represents a community witness of our church. We encourage all of our preschool families to participate at Ridgeway Community Church or other places of worship. We hope to provide a warm, caring environment that serves students from diverse backgrounds and with diverse needs. We strive to meet the needs of each student enrolled.

Features of Ridgeway Preschool

- Emphasis on age and developmentally appropriate activities
- Provides enriching large and small group activities
- Provides accommodations to support the individual needs of each child
- Focus on “readiness to learn”
- Nurturing, caring teaching staff
- Student progress tracked and shared with families
- Family involvement and communication encouraged
- Family holiday parties, programs, end of year picnic
- Program enhanced with community and church resources: fire company visit, monthly story time with church pastor

Ridgeway Preschool’s Curriculum is in alignment with the PA Learning Standards for Early Childhood. The program emphasizes learning through play and active hands-on experiences to promote skill development in the following areas:

- ◇ **Language and Literacy**– story time, songs, finger plays, games, letter exploration and reading readiness activities, preschool level “kid writing”
- ◇ **Mathematical Thinking and Expression; exploring, processing and problem-solving-identification, patterns and spatial relation activities**
- ◇ **Scientific Thinking and Environmental Awareness; investigating, discovery-nature, seasons, holidays and celebrations**
- ◇ **Social Studies Thinking and Connecting to Communities-community helpers awareness, appreciation and exploration of human, family, racial and cultural diversity**
- ◇ **Creative Thinking and Expression-communication through the arts with music, movement, visual arts mediums, dramatic play, show and tell**
- ◇ **Health, Wellness and Physical Development -body awareness, large muscle development with outdoor and gym activities, small muscle development using manipulative materials, playdough, scissors, pencils, etc.**
- ◇ **Social and Emotional; promoting interpersonal skills-self awareness, decision making, responsible behavior, self confidence, coping skills, recognition and identification of feelings and those of others, independence**

Classes Offered

**PRESCHOOL CLASS
3 YEAR OLDS**

MEETS TUESDAY / THURSDAY 9:00-11:30

This program is designed with an emphasis social interaction and learning through play .

**PREKINDERGARTEN CLASS
4 AND 5 YEAR OLDS**

**MEETS TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
9:00-11:30**

This program is designed to help children learn the skills necessary to succeed in kindergarten, while keeping in mind the importance of learning through play with hands -on experiences .

Preschool Staff

All staff have current PA State Police, FBI and Child Abuse clearances.

Preschool students and their families are invited to attend any and all church related activities.