



SPECIALS CLASSES

Specials Classes are designed to be fun and engaging. Our Specials teachers craft their lessons to not only instruct children on a specific topic, but to supplement other areas of our curriculum. For example, children may play a game in Chapel that requires them to use their gross motor skills; a song in Music may reinforce spatial awareness; a Science lesson may review colors; and our Storyteller may include letter recognition in her story for the day. In order to enhance individualized learning, each class goes to the Specials class just one or two classes at a time.

- Children attend Chapel for 30 minutes each week. During this time children learn about God's word of His unending love for each of us. Through Bible stories, songs, prayer, and interactive play, children learn that Jesus, God's son, is a friend who loves them more than anything and is with them everywhere, all the time. In addition, our families have the opportunity to participate in several mission projects throughout the year.
- Music & Movement meets weekly for 30 minutes. Children are exposed to a wide variety of songs and song types, from classics like Beethoven and Mozart, to "Wheels on the Bus" and "Head, Shoulder, Knees and Toes," to newer favorites like "Baby Shark." This is an action-packed 30-minute class. Additionally, the Pre-K and Young 5's classes learn to play hand bells.
- Storytelling is a weekly activity for each class. Our Storyteller makes stories come alive by engaging the children using felt pieces, stuffed animals, puppets, and more. Stories complement the monthly classroom themes and seasonal/holiday lessons.
- Science class includes hands-on lessons introducing topics like germs, air, dinosaurs, crystals, colors, bubbles, ice cream, worms and much more! Children will observe, hypothesize, and experiment as they learn about the world around them. Children in the 3-year-old, Pre-K and Young 5's classes attend Science bi-weekly.
- Our MEGA Fun! (Math, Exercise, Garden, Art) class is always exciting and always hands-on. Children might play a large group game to learn about exercise and nutrition one week, create a masterpiece the next week, then try out a new recipe with produce harvested from our garden the next. Children in the 3-year-old, Pre-K and Young 5's classes attend MEGA Fun! bi-weekly.
- Our JCPC (Joyful Children Producing Crops) Garden is not a separate Specials class, however the children do visit the garden at least once a month, sometimes more, to till the soil, plant seeds and plants, harvest vegetables, and observe changes since their last visit. Through this hands-on activity children learn about healthy eating and the wonderful crops God provides for us.