



Choosing the Right Preschool for Your Child: A Checklist for Parents

At Incarnate Word Academy, we believe that choosing the right preschool is one of the most important decisions you will make for your child. A strong foundation in faith, academics, and character development sets the stage for lifelong learning and success. Use this checklist to evaluate preschools and ensure they align with the values and excellence that IWA upholds.

Faith-Based Learning & Values

Does the preschool integrate faith into daily learning?

Are there opportunities for prayer, religious instruction, and participation in faith-based activities?

Does the school emphasize kindness, compassion, and service to others?

Academic Excellence & Curriculum

Does the preschool have a structured curriculum that encourages early literacy, math, and problem-solving skills?

Are there hands-on learning experiences that foster creativity and critical thinking?

Is there a balance between structured learning and play-based exploration?

Does the school use innovative teaching methods to engage young learners?

Social & Emotional Development

Does the preschool create a loving and nurturing environment for children?

Are teachers trained to support emotional well-being and social skills development?

Are there structured activities that encourage teamwork, leadership, and inclusivity?

Safe & Engaging Campus

Is the preschool's campus secure and well-maintained?

Are there modern facilities such as an Innovation Center, library, or science lab for early learning exploration?

Does the school provide a variety of indoor and outdoor activities to encourage physical development?

Qualified & Passionate Educators

Are the teachers experienced, certified, and passionate about early childhood education?

Is there a strong focus on teacher-student relationships and individualized learning?

Does the school support professional development for its educators?

Community & Parent Engagement

Does the preschool foster a welcoming and inclusive community?

Are there opportunities for parents to be involved in school events and their child's education?

Does the school offer clear and open communication with families?

Commitment to Lifelong Learning

Does the preschool instill a love for learning that will carry on through elementary and beyond?

Are there enrichment programs, extracurricular activities, or service-learning opportunities?

Does the school celebrate student achievements and encourage continuous growth?

If you checked most of these boxes, you have found a preschool that aligns with the excellence and values that Incarnate Word Academy embodies. A strong start leads to a bright future!