

Kiddie Kampus

Faith, Fun, and Friends since 1967

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN KIDDIE KAMPUS!

Kiddie Kampus has served Grant County and Upland with excellence in preschool education since 1967.

There are literally *generations* of Kiddie Kampus alumni who look back with great fondness on their time as a young child in Kiddie Kampus. Nearly sixty years later, our program continues to thrive. We continue to create exciting and engaging learning opportunities for students in our program.

Kiddie Kampus is here to help your child learn, grow, and transition to kindergarten with the utmost confidence in his or her abilities.

By attending Kiddie Kampus, your child will...

- engage socially in a safe and welcoming environment.
- build healthy relationships with teachers who deeply care about each and every student.
- experience God's love and grace—and how we are each uniquely made in His image.
- gain academic skills that seamlessly transfer to his or her kindergarten classroom.
- develop emotional awareness and maturity, enabling deeper future learning experiences.
- feel great about being a part of Kiddie Kampus preschool, identifying with our brand and culture of building friendships!

Take a moment and explore this packet to learn more about our program. If you have any questions, you can reach out to me directly via text at **(765) 506-7480** or email at **kevin.duecker@piercechurch.org**

Looking forward to meeting you,

Kevin Duecker

Director of Children's Ministries



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LEAD TEACHER

Ms. Dana Alford lives in Upland and is mother to Kenny and Kristopher. Growing up in Springfield, MO in a minister's family and later attending Central Bible College, "Miss Dana" also spent time in Michigan before coming to Indiana. Before coming to Kiddie Kampus, Dana worked several years for Carey Services and used sign language to offer developmental support for a variety of clients and earned an additional degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. Dana is passionate about education and demonstrates a clear gift for the art of teacher and engaging students. Her favorite animal is penguins and she loves listening to K-LOVE radio.



ASSISTANT TEACHER OF SUPPLIES

Ms. Nicole Embry hails from Huntington, IN but currently resides in Upland, IN with her husband of 25 years, Mike. She and Mike are the proud parents to two sons, Dillon and Ethan. "Miss Nikki" overflows with love and tender compassion for preschoolers! She has many years of experience, serving in preschool education through Little Panther (Van Buren), a previous years-long tenure at Kiddie Kampus, and Eastbrook —before rejoining Kiddie Kampus again in Fall 2020 (yay!). In her free time, Nikki loves all things Smoky Mountains ...and is probably already planning her next hiking trip!



ASSISTANT TEACHER OF COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Victoria Thompson is from Matthews, IN. After graduating from Eastbrook High School, she attended Ivy Tech Community College where she completed her Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education. Miss Victoria enjoys crocheting, ducks, and planning her wedding with her fiancé, Jace.



DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Kevin Duecker is a proud Ohio-native who has made Indiana his home since 2005, when he started attending Indiana Wesleyan University and graduating in 2010 with an education degree. He began serving as Director of Children's Ministries at Pierce Church in 2012 and oversees various programs and ministries at the church, in addition to Kiddie Kampus. He is married to his wonderful wife, Kate, and they have 4 children: Kendall, Keira, Cassidy, and Kyle. He enjoys playing guitar, working on a number of house projects and yard work, and catching the latest podcasts.



LEAD PASTOR, PIERCE CHURCH

Pastor Chad Yoder has spent most of the life he can remember in Indiana, minus a stint in Ohio for a couple years of Master's Commission ministry training. A "Methecostal" at heart, Chad found a home in the Methodist movements of old, those inspired by the Spirit and the faithfulness of God's people. He makes it a point to always say "yes!" to the Lord's promptings, leading him to begin pastoral ministry at 20 years old and international missions work at 23.

Chad has been married to his wife Erin for 10 years and they have four awesome daughters: Evelyn, Ellanore, Emilia, and Eliette. In the free time he carves out, he enjoys competitive disc golf and reading.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE...

Kiddie Kampus is governed a committee of community leaders and educators. This advisory committee holds Kiddie Kampus accountable to maintaining academic integrity and overall programmatic excellence through regular meetings during the year. These members include:

- **Mrs. Chelsee Jones**, former teacher at Eastbrook South Elementary; currently homeschooling
- **Mrs. Andrea Shively**, kindergarten teacher at Eastbrook South Elementary
- **Mr. Nate Chu**, Director of International Student Programs at Taylor University



2024-2025 Schedule & Routines

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Kiddie Kampus operates as a **half-day preschool** program, with 2.5 hour sessions in AM or PM:

The AM Session is for students who are *bathroom independent** and at least **3 years old** on/before September 1, 2024.

The PM Session is for students who are *bathroom independent** and at least **4 years old** on/before September 1, 2024.

**Bathroom independent* includes being able to undress/dress self, wipe self, flush, and wash hands.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daily Special	Park / PE	Bible Story	Science	Library / Event Day	No school
AM Session <i>(3 years old by 9/1/24)</i>	8:30 – 11:00 AM	8:30 – 11:00 AM	8:30 – 11:00 AM	8:30 – 11:00 AM	
PM Session <i>(4 years old by 9/1/24)</i>	12:00 – 2:30 PM	12:00 – 2:30 PM	12:00 – 2:30 PM	12:00 – 2:30 PM	

DAILY SCHEDULE

It may not be a full day, but we *certainly* make the most of our time together!

AM Session	Schedule	PM Session
8:30 – 9:05 AM	Center Activities	12:00 – 12:35 PM
9:05 – 9:15 AM	Opening Circle Time	12:35 – 12:55 PM
9:15 – 9:38 AM	Rotation 1	1:00 – 1:20 PM
9:40 – 10:03 AM	Rotation 2	1:20 – 1:40 PM
10:05 – 10:29 AM	Rotation 3	1:40 – 2:00 PM
10:30 – 10:55 AM	Daily Special	2:00 – 2:25 PM
10:55 – 11:00 AM	Wrap-Up / Dismissal	2:25 – 2:30 PM

Kiddie Kampus

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Pre-reading skills
 - *Visual Memory*
 - *Auditory Memory*
 - *Alphabet Recognition*
- Beginning Phonics
- Literacy Readiness
- Language Development
- Listening Skills
- Number Readiness
- Handwriting Readiness/pencil grip
- Intro to Art and Music
- Scissor Skills
- Fine motor manipulation
- Gross motor activities
- Creative play
- Patterns
- Counting and comparing numbers
- Weekly Bible Story/Bible Verse
- Color and Shape Recognition
- Finger Plays, Songs and poems
- Circle Time
- Dramatic Play
- Zipping, buttoning, snapping coats
- Putting coat on
- Memorizing address and phone number
- Shoe-tying
- Hand-eye coordination
- Following simple rules
- Social skills and values
- Emotional intelligence
- Science and math exploration
- One-on-one learning

EXAMPLES OF VISITORS & SPECIAL EVENTS

- Back to School Night/Meet the Teachers
- Evaluations/Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Kevin Duecker, Bible Story (weekly)
- Dr. Catey (Pediatric dentistry visit)
- Upland Librarian Visit (Barb Dixon)
- Ft. Wayne Zoo
- The Wellness Center
- Pumpkin Patch
- Kindergarten Sneak Peek
- Family Fun Day
- Graduation
- Seasonal Parties and Events
- Other Class Parties and Fundraisers:
 - Mom's Day
 - Dad's Day
 - Bike-A-Thon
 - Scholastic Book Fair
 - Grandparents Day
 - Sundaes with Santa
 - Labor Day Parade
 - Seasonal programs (i.e. Christmas, Graduation, etc.)



2024-2025

Fees & Tuition Rates

REGISTRATION FEES

\$30 – if registered and paid before/on April 1, 2024

\$60 – if registered and paid before/on June 1, 2024

\$90 – if registered and paid after June 1, 2024

Registration fees help with startup costs that come with transitioning from one school year to another as paperwork is filed for new students. Additionally, decorations, name tags, hooks, and other supplies are prepared for each student among other duties for getting the classrooms ready in August. Due to the necessity of these funds to help with preparation for a new school year, your child's enrollment is not confirmed until the registration fee is paid. Please note these fees are non-refundable.

TUITION PAYMENTS

Tuition for the 2024-2025 school year is **\$160/month per student**.

Tuition may also be paid in full (\$1440 for the year) or per semester (\$720/semester)

Tuition payments are **due on the 1st of each month**, beginning in September and continuing through May for a total of 9 payments.

FINANCIAL AID / TUITION DISCOUNTS

Kiddie Kampus is pleased to offer financial assistance to qualifying families based on household income and other extenuating circumstances affecting family finances. A limited amount of money for Kiddie Kampus Financial Aid is made available through private donations. These funds are awarded on a first come, first serve basis; availability of funding; and submission of a complete and accurate application.

Please see the Financial Aid application for additional information and guidelines—you may be eligible to receive a generous discount on your child's tuition!



2024-2025 Financial Aid & Discounts

INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

Due Date	Scholarship applications must be received by July 31, 2024 to be considered in first round of awarding funds (Committee meets in August)
Selection Process	Applications will be reviewed by the Kiddie Kampus Advisory Committee. This committee will use the table below, based on Federal Poverty Guidelines, for determining financial aid based on Annual Household Income and Household Size. The most recent Federal Poverty guidelines can be viewed at aspe.hhs.gov/poverty
Expectations	Students receiving financial aid are expected to attend school on a regular basis. Excessive absences may result in the loss of money.
Confidentiality	Names of students on financial aid and the amount of money awarded will be confidential, released only to the parents of the children and office administrative staff.
Questions?	Please direct questions to Director of Children’s Ministries by emailing kevin.duecker@piercechurch.org or calling (765) 506-7480

ESTIMATED POTENTIAL DISCOUNTS

Please refer to the table below to calculate the typical discount your child could be awarded based on your household size and annual income. Discounts are awarded based on funds available, extenuating circumstances unique to each family, and Advisory Committee review and approval. For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,380 for each additional person.

Household size	Annual income	Annual income	Annual income	Annual income	Annual income
2	\$0–\$20,440	\$20,440 – 25,550	\$25,550 – 30,660	\$30,660 – 35,770	\$35,770 – 40,800
3	\$0 – \$25,820	\$25,820 – 32,275	\$32,275 – 38,730	\$38,730 – 45,185	\$45,185 – 51,640
4	\$0 – \$31,200	\$31,200 – 39,000	\$39,000 – 46,800	\$46,800 – 54,600	\$54,600 – 62,400
5	\$0 – \$36,580	\$36,580 – 45,725	\$45,725 – 54,870	\$54,870 – 64,015	\$64,015 – 73,160
6	\$0 – \$41,960	\$41,961 – 52,450	\$52,450 – 62,940	\$62,940 – 73,430	\$73,430 – 83,920
7	\$0 – \$47,340	\$47,340 – 59,175	\$59,175 – 71,010	\$71,010 – 82,845	\$82,845 – 94,680
8	\$0 – \$52,720	\$52,720 – 65,900	\$65,900 – 79,080	\$79,080 – 92,260	\$92,260 – 105,440
Potential discount	100% off	80% off	60% off	40% off	20% off
Your tuition payment	\$0 per month Regular \$160 month	\$32 per month Regular \$160 month	\$64 per month Regular \$160 month	\$96 per month Regular \$160 month	\$128 per month Regular \$160 month



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**Financial Aid
Application**

Student's name: _____ **Session:** AM PM

Household Size (includes parents, stepparents, guardians, grandparents and ALL children): _____

Please list all individuals in the household with relationship to child and age:

Individual's Full Name:	Relationship to child:	Age:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Mother / Guardian Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Employer: _____ **Position / Title:** _____

Length of employment: _____ **Hours / week:** _____ **Hourly wage / Salary:** _____

Father / Guardian Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Employer: _____ **Position / Title:** _____

Length of employment: _____ **Hours / week:** _____ **Hourly wage / Salary:** _____

Household adjusted gross income (Tax Form 1040) for 2023: _____

Briefly describe reason(s) for applying for Financial Aid.

Include any unusual circumstances or other hardships that affect your family's ability to pay tuition:

The standard tuition rate for 2024–2025 is \$160 per month.

How much, per month, would you be able to contribute toward your child's tuition? _____

Tip: consider the chart (presented on a few pages previous) that shows discounted tuition rates respective to household income

Please include the following documents, if applicable, to supplement your request for financial aid.

Failure to provide documentation may jeopardize awarding of financial aid.

2023 U.S. Tax Return (Form 1040) *Required*

Proof of qualification for any other assistance programs (please circle):

Child Support Welfare

Social Security

Disability

Food Stamps

WIC

Other programs: _____

Statement of Integrity and Accuracy: I hereby certify that all information in this application is true and correct. In addition, I understand that Kiddie Kampus Preschool may verify the information on this application. I recognize that failure to report correct information may result in denial of application or the rescinding of financial aid tuition discounts.

Please mark the responsible party and sign and date below:

Child's mother

Child's father

Other: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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**Student
Registration**

Students must be bathroom independent for Kiddie Kampus enrollment: undress/dress, wipe, flush, and wash hands.

For which session are you registering?

- AM Session** (Monday - Thursday, 8:30 - 11:00 AM; for students 3 years old by 9/1/2024)
- PM Session** (Monday - Thursday, 12:00 - 2:30 PM; for students 4 years old by 9/1/2024)

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Gender: M F Place of Birth (City, State or Country): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent / Guardian 1 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Work Phone: _____

Parent / Guardian 1 Email Address: _____

Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent / Guardian 2 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Work Phone: _____

Parent / Guardian 2 Email Address: _____

Address, if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Child is adopted **At what age was adoption?** _____ **Is child aware of adoption?** Y N

Please describe any custody arrangements, **if applicable**, regarding the child's visitation with a parent/
guardian: _____

Please list any siblings and their ages:

Other members living in the household (relationship and age):

What are your child's favorite activities? _____

Does your child have special fears or anxieties? _____

What behavior management practices are used for your child? _____

How does your child respond to these measures of correction and discipline? _____

Please list any organizations, if applicable, where your child has attended daycare or preschool:

What learning experiences and objectives are important to you for your child's education at Kiddie
Kampus? _____

Please describe any concerns you may have about your child's development: _____

Please describe any stressful experiences, if applicable, which may affect your child's behavior
(i.e. divorce, death in the family, past abuse, etc): _____

Please describe any symptoms of illness your child frequently experiences: _____

Allergies: _____

Reaction Symptoms: _____

Any other food/drink items your child should not have: _____

Please list any people authorized to pick up your child at the conclusion of a school day and up to (4) other individuals who may occasionally pick up your child from Kiddie Kampus:

Primary Pick-up Person: _____

Relation to child: _____ Phone: _____

Other approved individual: _____

Relation to child: _____ Phone: _____

Other approved individual: _____

Relation to child: _____ Phone: _____

Other approved individual: _____

Relation to child: _____ Phone: _____

Other approved individual: _____

Relation to child: _____ Phone: _____

Please list up to (4) individuals who may be contacted in case of emergency.

We will always attempt to contact a parent/guardian first (i.e. no need to enter your information again).

Emergency Contact 1: _____

Relation to child: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact 2: _____

Relation to child: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact 3: _____

Relation to child: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact 4: _____

Relation to child: _____ Phone: _____

Please list information for your child's pediatrician and/or hospital preference:

Child's Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Hospital Preference: _____

Medical Response Agreement: I hereby give my permission for Kiddie Kampus staff members to obtain the services of the doctor listed above (or another if your child's primary care physician cannot be reached), EMT unit, or hospital in case the child suffers a serious illness or accident and requires medical attention.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Media Release Agreement: I grant permission to Kiddie Kampus, Pierce Church, and its children's ministry, employees, and volunteers to take photographs, video, and/or electronic images of any member of my family in the children's ministry environment. I authorize the aforementioned entities to copyright, use, and publish (i.e. Facebook, Instagram) the photographs, video, and/or electronic images in print and/or electronically—with or without our names—for any lawful purpose to highlight and promote Kiddie Kampus, Pierce Church, and its children's ministry.

Yes, I agree and grant permission

No, I do not agree and withhold permission

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

2024-2025 Calendar



AUGUST

August 21 Meet the Teachers Night
August 22 First Day of Classes (all students)

SEPTEMBER

September 1 ★ **September Tuition Due** ★
September 2 **NO SCHOOL / Labor Day Parade** (Wagon for PM Students)
September 19 eLearning Day (No school; materials will be sent home in advance)
September 26 Grandparent's Day / Bike-A-Thon Fundraiser / Book Fair

OCTOBER

October 1 ★ **October Tuition Due** ★
October 7-10 School Pictures (Oct. 7 Picture Day; Oct. 8-10 Make-up pictures/retakes)
October 15 Parent-Teacher Conferences (by appointment—afternoon / evening times)
October 16 **NO SCHOOL** (Parent-Teacher Conferences; by appointment—day times)
October 17 Fall Class Party
October 21-25 **NO SCHOOL** (Fall Break)

NOVEMBER

November 1 ★ **November Tuition Due** ★
November 27-28 **NO SCHOOL** (Thanksgiving Break)

DECEMBER

December 1 ★ **December Tuition Due** ★
December 5 Christmas Program (Evening)
December 19 Christmas Class Party
Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 **NO SCHOOL** (Christmas Break)

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JANUARY

January 1	★ January Tuition Due ★
January 6	School resumes
January 20	NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

FEBRUARY

February 1	★ February Tuition Due ★
February 13	Valentine's Class Party
February 17	NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
February 20	Ladies Day (Mom, Aunt, Grandmother, etc)

MARCH

March 1	★ March Tuition Due ★
March 20	Guys Day (Dad, Uncle, Grandfather, etc)
March 24-27	NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

APRIL

April 1	★ April Tuition Due ★
April 17	Class Easter Party
April 23	Parent-Teacher Conferences (by appointment— <u>afternoon</u> / <u>evening</u> times)
April 24	AM Session Field Trip / NO SCHOOL for PM
April 24	Parent-Teacher Conferences (by appointment— <u>day</u> times)

MAY

May 1	★ May Tuition Due ★
May 8	PM Session Field Trip / NO SCHOOL for AM
May 15	Field Day
May 22	Last Day of School / PM Graduation (Evening)

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Supply List



AM Session Students:

- Set of extra clothes in a gallon size ziplock back
 - i.e. shirt, pants, underwear, socks
 - labeled with your child's name; this stays at school in case of accidents
- (1) Plastic school box / pencil box ***that your child can open by themselves!**
- (1) set of Fiskars scissors (if child is left-handed, make sure to have left-handed scissors)
- (1) box of Crayola crayons (8 pack, basic colors)
- (4) Sharpened No. 2 pencils w/ erasers
- (1) Regular-size backpack ***no small or mini backpacks – while cute, these packs can be difficult to fit everything in them**
- Purell Multi Surface Disinfectant spray (28 oz. bottle)
 - **Note - this specific product is rated to kill many germs including norovirus ("stomach flu") and is safe for use nursery and preschool environments**
- (1) Ream of printer/copy paper (400-500 sheets)

PM Session Students:

- Set of extra clothes in a gallon size ziplock back
 - i.e. shirt, pants, underwear, socks
 - labeled with your child's name; this stays at school in case of accidents
- (1) Plastic school box / pencil box
- (1) set of Fiskars scissors (if child is left-handed, make sure to have left-handed scissors)
- (4) Sharpened No. 2 pencils w/ erasers
- (1) box of Crayola crayons (8 pack, basic colors)
- (1) Regular-size backpack ***no small or mini backpacks – while cute, these packs can be difficult to fit everything in them**
- (1) Bottle of hand sanitizer (approximate size – 32-34 oz.)
- (1) Ream of printer/copy paper (400-500 sheets)

DONATIONS to consider (for AM or PM):

- Age-appropriate classroom games (Uno, Memory Match, etc.)
- Play-Doh
 - Play-Doh brand preferred; 3 oz. or 4 oz. containers only (i.e. no mini tubs)