

# **Optional Services**

## **Extended Afternoon Option for Kindergartners**

Our kindergarten program is intentionally designed to use a variety of learning experiences to expose the students to the knowledge of God's world and to activities that teach concepts and skills appropriate to their readiness and development. Over the years, our kindergarten students have been well prepared for their elementary experience.

Since the school's inception in 1978, Tree of Life has offered a half-day kindergarten. Philosophically, we believe that a five-year-old child benefits most ideally from spending three hours a day in a "readiness-centered" kindergarten and the rest of the day in his/her home setting.

We realize, however, that a half-day kindergarten program is not always feasible for some families. Transportation difficulties, single parenting, and dual income situations can make it difficult for families to accommodate a half-day schedule for their children. Because of this reality, we offer, at both the Indianola and Dublin branches, an extended afternoon option for kindergartners.

This option, in no way, diminishes the optimal benefits and quality curriculum of our half-day kindergarten. There are no changes in what is taught and experienced in the morning classes. Rather this option provides afternoon learning opportunities for those children who attend.

Important aspects of this program include:

1. Afternoon students must be enrolled in the Tree of Life morning kindergarten.
2. The tuition fee for this program is payable in full or in 10 or 12 month installments. Please refer to the "Admissions – Related Fees" in this packet for the cost of this option.
3. Students must attend five days per week from noon until 3:30 p.m.
4. Lunchtime, recess, and rest time are included within this time-frame.

## **AFTERNOON SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE FROM NORTHRIDGE TO THE DUBLIN BRANCH**

Tree of Life provides a daily afternoon shuttle bus service from the Northridge Branch to the Dublin Branch. The shuttle leaves Northridge each afternoon at 3:00 p.m. and arrives at the Dublin Branch at 3:30 p.m., in time for that branch's afternoon dismissal.

This service may be paid for annually or on a 10 or 12 month payment plan. An annual commitment to this service is required.

Please refer to the "Admissions – Related Fees" in this packet for the cost of this service.