



# Why choose Prince of Peace Kindergarten for your child?

It is time to begin to think about Kindergarten for your child next year!

*Prince of Peace School will accept currently enrolled and alumni registrations beginning November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Open registration for the public begins December 10<sup>th</sup> and our Open House is on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.*

We realize you have options for Kindergarten, so here are **22 great reasons** why **Prince of Peace Kindergarten** could be **THE best choice for YOUR child!**

1. Prince of Peace Kindergarten accepts **15 students per class maximum**. Other private and public schools can be 20 students plus per class!
2. Prince of Peace Kindergarten has a **unique reading program** where every child reads every day during one-on-one tutoring time!
3. Most children who attend our Kindergarten have attended preschool at POP and this provides **stability** and a sense of **emotional safety** for their foundational year of kindergarten. Private kindergarten offers 5 year olds the chance to mature in a **less crowded, less chaotic** environment where they are **known, loved** and supported so they can **thrive and succeed!**
4. Prince of Peace Kindergarten has a strong **reputation for preparing children** academically and socially/emotionally for a very successful first grade year!
5. Prince of Peace Kindergarten has **flexible choices for attendance:**  
 **$\frac{1}{2}$  day (8:45 - 12:00) OR Full Day (8:45 - 3:15)**  
Plus, the **option to add 1-4 afternoons** to the  $\frac{1}{2}$  day as **you choose!**

6. With our **low student/teacher ratio** and additional enrichment teachers, we can go beyond barely having enough time to teach the basics, as so often is the case in public schools. We offer **enrichment experiences** in Art Appreciation, Spanish, Author and Literature Studies, P.E., Music Appreciation/composers, Theatre Arts, Sciences, and Social Studies.
7. POP Kindergartners have opportunity to have **important child- directed play and free choice**. Large public school classrooms are often spending a great deal of valuable time in dealing with classroom management issues.
8. We have **fewer days off** for workdays and in-services than public schools and no weekly early dismissals.
9. Our **teachers** have elementary education **degrees** and the teaching **experience** necessary for the multi-faceted needs and learning objectives of kindergartners. POP teachers complete a mandatory **additional** 15 hours of **professional study** each year. Our school is licensed and evaluated yearly by the State of Oregon Dept. of Education.
10. The **2<sup>nd</sup> Steps Curriculum** we use is designed to teach and reinforce **positive choice making**, empathy and kindness in **our words and actions**.
11. **Student behavior** expectations are **maintained** firmly, fairly and compassionately. Our classrooms are **calm and happy!**
12. Parental questions and concerns are **acted upon quickly** by administration.
13. Frequent, **easy access to teachers** and **2x yearly conferences** keep important communication open. The **parent-school partnership** is highly valued and cultivated.
14. Our campus is **safe, carefully monitored** and **family friendly!**
15. We value building **community** through our free, all- school **family events**

16. Our **families CHOOSE** Prince of Peace School and that support and commitment are felt throughout the school. It is **assurance and peace** that is tangible, as testified by parents and visitors alike.
17. Our tuition is very **competitive and affordable-** **scholarships** may be **available** upon request for up to 50%.
18. **Compassion and generosity are modeled** and taught through **upbeat chapels** and school sponsored charity opportunities like *Operation Christmas Child*.
19. Every **child is known, affirmed and loved** by the Prince of Peace School staff!
20. **Christmas and Easter are recognized and celebrated** at school!
21. A child's spiritual and emotional growth is important at POP. **Children learn that God loves them!** Daily expressions of God's love and kindness are **modeled and taught** by the teachers. The loving character of God is revealed through daily **Bible Stories** and scriptures.
22. Because we are a private school, our Kindergarten year **can be used** as a **transition year** before public school, if your child is younger and needs more time to mature either academically, emotionally or socially.