

## **Mount Zion Baptist Christian School Nursery Program**

The Mount Zion Nursery School contains programs for students 3 to 6 years of age.

The Nursery school consists of two programs.

**1. Nursery 3:** students are 3 year old by March 1 of the enrolling year.

**2. Nursery 4:** students are 4 year old by September 1 of the enrolling year.

**Effective September, 2010, kindergarten has been moved to the elementary school.**

Children in the nursery school are in their early childhood developmental stages and they are curious, energetic, lovable explorers. Since these students are very young, it is crucial to their development and emotional well being that they are nurtured. We provide an environment in which each student will feel loved, liked and wanted.

### **The Mission of Nursery School**

The mission of our nursery school is to provide a caring, nurturing, Christian setting that engages students in a variety of activities which will stimulate them and promote growth physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Many of the learning activities are structured while other activities allow freedom and choices. We seek to provide a foundation that will influence the entire course of our student's lives.

### **Subjects and Curriculum**

**Abeka**, a biblically based curriculum, is utilized for all instructional areas except Black History. Our Black History classes are designed to teach the achievements of black people. Children in nursery school are instructed in the following areas:

*Bible*

*Phonics/Reading*

*Handwriting*

*Science*

*Social Studies/American and Black History*

*Music/Art*

Incorporated in the nursery school schedule are opportunities for the student to participate in the singing, rhythmic movements and play activities throughout the entire day.

### **Class Size**

The class size is twenty students with a teacher and a teacher assistant. Our program provides small group instruction in Phonics and Mathematics.

### **Criteria for Admission into the Nursery School**

**I. A child's readiness for a structured school program is demonstrated by:**

- being fully potty trained
- following directions
- having an attention span of five minutes or more
- possessing an interest in learning activities

**II. The parent(s) agreement** to cooperate with school policies, the staff and the basic teachings of the Christian faith.