

# Frances



*Our preschool teacher*

Frances Deas, ECE,  
BC Teaching Certificate

## 3's class

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 - 11:15am  
\$75/month\*

## 4's class

Monday/Wednesday 9 - 12 noon  
Thursday 12:15 - 2:45pm  
\$110/month\*

**\$50 non-refundable deposit required**  
**\* fees subject to change**

# Gonzales Co-operative Preschool



## Our Philosophy Learning Through Play



We aim to encourage children's inherent love of learning and sense of wonder by providing a rich, stimulating and varied environment in which children can learn.

Children are encouraged to explore and understand their world in an atmosphere that respects individual learning. Experiential hands-on learning provides the basis for growth and development. Creativity and imagination are encouraged while fostering the development of positive social skills. Language, math and science experiences, as well as a simple introduction to French, music enrichment and varied physical experiences form the basis of the program.

Parent participation both in the classroom and in the running of the school creates a strong sense of community and support for the families involved. The shared involvement for both children and parents, and a committed partnership between teacher and parents, provides a positive and enriching experience in which children thrive.

*We will celebrate the joys of childhood together.*

## Gonzales Co-operative Preschool

located in  
St. Philip's Church  
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## We Learn Through Play

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**P**reschool **A**ssociation

## A Typical Day

Gonzales Preschool is situated in a spacious, bright room in St. Philip's Church with a newly landscaped and fenced play space outside.

The following outline has been formulated as a guideline for a four year old class. For the most part, we will adhere to it, but are flexible to accommodate group dynamics, daily needs and the weather.

9:00 outside time

9:30 welcome, book sharing, story and circle time

9:45 free choice - play, activities, art

10:45 clean up + circle/music

11:15 snack

11:40 outside play time

12:00 closure and home time



## A Co-operative Commitment

This is a wonderful chance to be involved in your child's education and to see your child interacting with others in the classroom. Parents also take on different roles in the management of the preschool while a qualified ECE is employed to plan the learning experiences. Parents assist the ECE in the preschool on a rotating basis (depending on enrollment, 1 to 2 times per month).

### Being involved is enlightening - and it's fun too!

- MAY - Welcome Orientation and Shadow Duty Day for new parents
- JUNE - General Meeting and Social
- SEPTEMBER - Orientation
- DUTY DAYS - approximately 1 to 2 times per month
- JOB - each family holds a 'job' for the school
- CLEAN-UP - each family participates in one major clean-up of the classroom each year (Christmas, Spring Break, or June)
- MEETINGS - each child must be represented at the monthly general meetings, which include a Parent Education guest speaker (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00-9:00 p.m.)
- ANNUAL FUND-RAISER - each family participates in the annual fund-raiser

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*Class size is 16 children with a qualified Early Childhood Educator and 2 duty parents.*

*Classroom duty parents/caregivers are required to submit a current Criminal Record Check.*

## Gonzales Co-operative Preschool

We are an established co-op preschool with a reputation for being a fun-loving, supportive and stimulating environment for three and four year olds. We have been operating in the Victoria area for over 50 years and are members of VICPA (Vancouver Island Cooperative Preschool Association).

Gonzales preschool provides a safe, happy and enriching environment for both children and parents. It offers a place for children to explore and understand their world. The co-op atmosphere, with its parental involvement, helps children establish warm and trusting relationships with other adults who care, thus facilitating a smooth transition from home to school. It also helps parents in establishing friendships with other neighboring families.

## Our Program: Playing + Learning

We aim to encourage children's inherent love of learning and sense of wonder by providing a rich, stimulating and varied environment in which children can learn.

- A wide **variety of art activities** and materials are offered with which children can explore and create. Art activities and materials are offered to provide **for self-expression** and to **encourage creativity**.
- **Dramatic play** is encouraged in the form of dress-up and a house centre, which can be transformed into an office or restaurant, enabling children to role-play and **encourages cooperation**.
- **Block play develops** large and small **muscle control**, encourages cooperation and, with many other opportunities, provides a **foundation for math concepts**.
- **Puzzles, games and manipulatives** provide for the development of such things as **eye-hand and small motor coordination**.
- **Books and stories** are plentiful in the classroom, building a love of literature and a foundation for **literacy**.
- **Music** is enjoyed and appreciated through a variety of experiences.
- A **simple introduction to the French** language promotes cultural diversity.
- **Interest themes** such as magnets, colour, animals, and our environment, will sometimes give us a focus for our playing and learning.
- A **varied outside program** is offered in which children can play together, release energy experience nature, gardening, and enjoy fresh air.
- We **celebrate** whenever we can.