

## What Sets CECDS Apart from other Preschools?

Item	CECDS		
Years of Preschool Excellence	50 years		
Approval by the Maryland State Board of Education	Yes		
Members in good standing of: National Association of Episcopal Schools	Yes		
<b>Qualified Staff</b> – Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Director, and Administrative Staff	Yes		
Staff average experience	12 years		
All teachers have Bachelor Degrees	Yes		
All staff certified in Child CPR and First Aid	Yes		
All staff required to participate in continuing education	Yes		
All staff required to participate and attend weekly staff meetings for planning	Yes		
Small class sizes	1 adult for every 10 children		
Fenced outdoor play area	Yes		
Class duration per day	3 or 6 hours		
Weekly Chapel service	Yes		
Monthly Newsletter	Yes		
Daily healthy snack provided	Yes		
All school supplies provided- no hidden fees	Yes		
<b>Age Appropriate Curriculum</b> - Academic preparedness and socialization with structured classroom learning, hands on experiences, and fun -- all in a nurturing and safe environment	Yes		
<b>Reading Readiness</b> <u>For example:</u> left to right orientation Recognize and identify, letters, symbols, Story sequencing	Yes		
<b>Writing</b> <u>For example:</u> use writing tools, copy, draw letters and numbers, exercise fine motor skills using small manipulatives like tweezers and play dough	Yes		
<b>Mathematics</b> <u>For example:</u> counting, shapes, 1 to 1 correspondence, number recognition, sorting, sequencing, patterning, spatial relationships, measurement, classification, graphing	Yes		
<b>Science</b> <u>For example:</u> nature, problem solving, human body, insects, animals, cooking	Yes		
<b>Language Arts</b> <u>For example:</u> Expressive oral language and receptive language	Yes		

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<b>Christian Education</b> For example: God's love for us, prayer, Christian service, Bible stories, promises	Yes		
<b>Music</b> For example: Tempo, rhythm and tone, singing accompanied by Mrs. Judy on the piano, music appreciation	Yes		
<b>Art</b> For example: Various forms of creative expressions using a variety of materials introduced to the styles of Monet, Van Gogh and Picasso	Yes		
<b>Creative Movement</b> For example: using our imagination and bodies to enhance large muscle control	Yes		
<b>Heartfulness</b> For example: compassion, kindness, conflict resolution and emotional well- being.	Yes		
<b>Enrichment Programs</b> – A Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) working together to provide the children with special events	Yes		
Harvest Festival	Yes		
Family events	Yes		
Sweets with Santa	Yes		
Christmas program	Yes		
Puppet shows	Yes		
Story tellers	Yes		
Music shows	Yes		
Grandparents Day	Yes		
Holiday parties and monthly birthday parties	Yes		
<b>Community Programs</b> – Staff works with community representatives to offer hands on real-life learning experiences	Yes		
Fire Safety Week	Yes		
Grocery Store Week	Yes		
Post Office Week	Yes		
Transportation Week	Yes		
Polar Express Day	Yes		
Dental Hygiene Week	Yes		
Teddy Bear Picnic	Yes		
Art and Music Appreciation Weeks	Yes		
<b>Tuition Assistance</b>	Yes		