

SCA Preschool Dress Code

We recognize that many young children don't yet know the difference between reality and fantasy, are easily distracted and use cues for play and conversation from what they see and hear ('If I see it, I want to be it'). Our dress code serves as a tool in fostering the academic and character development of the students as they participate in their learning environment. We strive to honor our Lord Jesus Christ, to not be distracting and to be as 'parent friendly' as possible.

Dress Code: *Applies to all items (i.e. lunch box, back pack, coats/jackets, clothing, etc.)*

- Appropriate outdoor apparel is needed daily as every effort is made to have some outdoor play time, even in cooler weather
- No magical, mythical, fantasy or violent images, characters, verbiage, etc. (i.e. Disney, unicorns, TV/movie personalities/cartoons/themes/promotions, etc.)
- Only real representations (i.e. animal, sports/teams, fire truck, flower, etc.)
- Easily laundered (allow for children to be messy)
- Comfortable, modest, neat, clean, a proper fit, appropriately sized (i.e. when seated, bottoms must be covered)
- Girls shall wear modesty shorts under skirts/dresses
- Words/messages/logos that are appropriate for a Christian preschool environment
- Items easily manipulated by child on his/her own and appropriate for play
- Items labeled with child's name
- No hats except for special activities (i.e. hat week, cold weather play)
- Only rubber soled, closed toed shoes that are good for running (i.e. no flip flops, sandals, slippers, Crocs, heels, etc.)
- **Our holiday celebrations focus on Jesus**
 - We celebrate Fall Harvest in recognition of God's bountiful blessings (plain pumpkins are acceptable)
 - No Halloween related images (i.e. witches, bats, jack-o-lanterns, etc.)
 - Christmas is the birthday of Jesus (i.e. no Santa, elves, Rudolph, etc.)
 - Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus (i.e. no Easter bunny)

Keep a weather appropriate, complete, plain outfit in a gallon size baggie in your child's backpack in the event they need to change clothes.

SCAP reserves the right to amend the dress code and retains the final authority to determine, in its discretion, compliance.

Backpacks should be large enough for a pocket folder, change of clothes, and lunch box in main compartment with 2 outside pockets for water bottle and snack.