

# And three reasons for considering Foothills Christian Preschool

**1. We love Christ and we love kids.** Christian is not just the middle word in our name, it is at the core of who we are and everything we do. We will remind your children daily that they are loved by you, loved by God and loved by us.

**2.** Your baby and child can thrive in a place filled with love and **developmentally appropriate activities that foster learning and growth.**

**3.** You can enjoy both **peace of mind and convenience.** At only five minutes from the valley floor (and four minutes from St. Helena Hospital), you can get here quickly and visit your child at any time. Our closed and gated campus provides physical safety, while our staff create an emotionally safe place as well.



## Napa Valley educators in support of Foothills

"I would venture to say that Foothills Christian Preschool is one of the finest programs in the Napa Valley."

"These teachers are skilled educators who provide a rich and nurturing environment allowing the children to maximize their individual potential and thrive as young learners."

## What our parents say about Foothills Christian Preschool

Not only do our teachers care for our children throughout the work day, they communicate with us about daily happenings. I often receive texts or emails of photos capturing those perfect moments that my daughter later describes in her colorful depictions of the school day.

**Erin Erickson, parent**

I am consistently blown away by the amazing things I see and hear about my child doing in the classroom. The curriculum fully engages the child, physically, mentally and spiritually, while also fostering positive peer-to-peer interaction.

**Cherith Mundy, parent**

[The] teachers have great energy and are so dedicated, the kids simply love them. Our daughter looks forward to seeing them every morning.

**Marion and Trent Ghiringhelli, parents**

I always felt so safe leaving my son. What I appreciated most is that I was never just dropping him off to be watched. They introduced him to the basics of learning by offering a great, structured preschool program. He is starting third grade now and is thriving in all areas of his education. Foothills is an absolute blessing to our family.

**Beth Kamaloni, prior parent**



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## Seven questions



...to  
help you  
choose the  
**best...**

...and most  
**trust-  
worthy...**



...infant,  
care through  
**preschool  
program...**



...for  
**your  
child.**



Seven questions to ask:  
**Infant Care**

1. Will my child be cared for by a single, primary caregiver who has no more than four infants in her care so she can bond with my baby?

2. What level of education and qualifications do all of the caregivers have?

3. Do caregivers demonstrate love and nurture through eye contact with each baby, holding each child and talking with them about the activities in the care center?

4. Do caregivers sense and respond to infants' cues, and move them around the space throughout the day so babies have different objects to see and things to do?

5. Do caregivers follow health and safety standards, especially hand washing for minimizing the spread of germs?

6. Can caregivers always see and hear the infants?

7. Do caregivers make parents feel welcome at any time and provide input about each baby's development?



Seven questions to ask:  
**Toddler Program**

1. Will my child be cared for by a single, primary teacher who can bond with my child, come to know and appreciate his/her unique personality, and work with our family through strong, clear communication?

2. What level of education and qualifications do all of the caregivers have?

3. Do the teachers see and respond to both verbal and non-verbal cues from each child?

4. Do teachers model care and respect for others, and help children develop verbal skills to use in interacting with each other?

5. Do teachers create a rich learning environment through activities, reading, singing and involving children in life routines to teach new skills and behavior control?

6. Does the daily routine provide safe, large-muscle play indoors and outside?

7. Do teachers make parents feel welcome at any time and provide input about each child's development?



Seven questions to ask:  
**Preschool**

1. Do teachers encourage each child to develop at their own pace?

2. What level of education and qualifications do all of the caregivers have?

3. Do children feel safe and secure?

4. Does the daily program use exploration and play with an adaptable level of challenge (allowing each child to be challenged without being frustrated) and include large-muscle play indoors & outside?

5. Do teachers maximize learning by asking questions, making comments, adding challenges, and helping children connect with prior learning and experience?

6. Do teachers foster verbal interaction and skills through daily reading, encouraging talking and listening, sharing thoughts and feelings?

7. Do teachers make parents feel welcome at any time and provide input about each child's development?



Call **707/963-3546** to schedule a **Developmental Success Consultation** with our director.

We promise to listen to your goals for your child and help you find the best developmental program for him or her, whether that is our school or not.