

## **Early Childhood Age Guidelines**

### Dutton Christian School's rationale when enrolling students in our early childhood program:

- We want to do what is in the best interests of the student - academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.
- Given current educational expectations, it is important that students are developmentally ready to enter school.
- We have developed a comprehensive early childhood program (PreK, DK and K) that meets the many different developmental needs of students entering our school.
- We are eager to have families committed to Dutton Christian for their child's elementary and middle school years. By placing each student in the appropriate early childhood class from the outset, we are establishing a strong foundation for that student's future achievement at DCS.
- While parental input is valued, we believe the school is in the best position to determine appropriate placement for the student.
- We want to fill our classes appropriately to capacity, so we are open to accepting those students whose birthdates fall shortly after the established age guidelines if they are developmentally ready for school. There is a well-defined protocol if seeking enrollment for a child with a late birth date. Please contact our administrator, Dan Netz, for more information.

### Dutton Christian School Age Guidelines:

3 years old by September 1 for pre-kindergarten Threes class

4 years old by September 1 for pre-kindergarten Fours class

5 years old by January 1 for developmental kindergarten

5 years old by September 1 for three-day and every day kindergarten