**Class Options**

* All classes are limited in size and available by registration only.
* All classes include free play in classroom, big room, or outside on the playground.
* Each class considers the whole child and a developmental approach to learning.
* Each class provides a loving, safe community for the students to learn and function.
* We really care about your family. We honor children as their own unique, wonderfully made creation.

**Early Birds (Come between 7:30-9:00**): Relaxed group because it is early! Activities are created by student interest. A wonderful way to greet the day with a little music, books, projects, and perhaps a few cuddles!

**Three-year-old class (9:00-11:30)**: Our energetic class is for students who are three or turning three by October 1st. They need to be potty trained. Choose a two, three, or five-day weekly option. Emphasis is on academics, social-emotional development, and communication through movement, building curiosity, and play. They will continue to learn about the world around them through observing, predicting, asking questions, art, music, and so much more!

Creative Arts (9:00-11:30): A class offered for our four-year-old students. (Or almost four). Most students attend our afternoon UPK class. This class is very relaxed, creative, and fun way to facilitate growth and learning. You will see them baking cookies, celebrating birthdays in a big way, and participating in activities meant to enrich our UPK program.

**UPK classes (9:00-11:30, 12:30-3:00, and 9:00-3:00):** This is a 5-day week program. A developmentally appropriate, learner-centered program. Art, music, learning centers, and movement will develop the children physically, socially, emotionally, culturally, and intellectually. At this time, only Southwestern students may attend a full day class. If you would like to attend a full day class, please let us know!

* Southwestern District: Zion collaborates with a grant through Southwestern. Students are placed in a classroom based on the lottery system. Paperwork must be received by Southwestern Elementary office to participate in the lottery. The application will allow you to designate your preferred school/class time. Options are: 9:00-3:00 classes on the main campus; 9:00-3:00 at Zion, 12:30-3:00 at Zion, 9:00-11:30 at Zion An optional brown bag breakfast or lunch is provided at no cost from SW school.
* Out of District: We have limited number of private pay spots available in both the 9:00-11:30 UPK, as well as our 12:30-3:00 UPK. This is a great option for students that are a little younger or a little older and not quite ready for Kindergarten. You will not need to fill out a Southwestern form.

**Lunch (11:30-12:30):** Students bring their own lunch and sit around a table with their friends and staff. They eat lunch and then get energy out in the big room or outside on the playground. Children love this time together!

**Rest/Play/Engage (12:30-3:00**): Younger students needing a rest during the day makes this a perfect place to be! Individual attention and care at its best! Teachers love this time because as music is playing softly, they will hear a little voice requesting an extra snuggle.

**Learning Outside the Lines (12:30-3:00)**: This class is a non-fiction driven approach to learning. It encourages literacy, mathematics, and social/emotional development through thematic units of student interest. Students in this class most often will stay as an extension of their morning UPK class.

 **Little Learners (3:00-4:00)**. **Late Owls (4:00-5:00):** These classes are learning and having fun at its best! Motivated by student interest and creates a wonderful world of literacy through drama, music, movement, and games. Yes! Actors and actresses, musicians in the making!