Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Wee Blessings Preschool

Provider No.: 28769

Address: 420 Central Ave NW, Orange City, IA, 51041

County: Sioux

Director's Name: Morgan Swier

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 7127374909

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HHS Visit Date: 11/17/2025

Licensing Period: 12/01/2024 to 12/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/07/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		8:15 AM to 3:00 PM	
Tuesday		8:15 AM to 3:00 PM	
Wednesday		8:15 AM to 3:00 PM	
Thursday		8:15 AM to 3:00 PM	
Friday		8:15 AM to 3:00 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			16		16
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

I completed an unannounced visit at this preschool on 11/17/25. I was able to speak with Director Morgan Swier. Ms. Swier has 16 years of experience working with children and a degree in Elementary Education. Wee Blessing Preschool is located in the First Reformed Church in Orange City. They hold two classes each day, Monday thru Friday 8:15am to 11:00am and 12:30pm to 3:00pm for four-year-olds. Mornings only on T-Th 8:15am to 11:00am for three-year-olds. Program follows the MOC school district for weather.

There are 45 children enrolled in this program (16 4-year-olds in the am and 16 4-year-old in the pm). There are 13 children in the 3-year-olds. All areas of the center were observed including, classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The center uses the Heggarty Reading Program which is a daily phonemic awareness curriculum designed to help young children develop the foundational skills needed for reading. It focuses on listening to and working with sounds in spoken words—like rhyming, blending, and segmenting—through short, structured lessons. It's commonly used in preschool through 2nd grade and supports early literacy development. Observed positive teacher-student interactions. The classroom had clear structure and boundaries, contributing to a well-managed and supportive learning environment. The classroom was rich in visual displays, including the alphabet, numbers, a calendar, sight words, student artwork, and colorful signs. These visuals created an engaging and stimulating learning environment. Clever reminders, like “put your thumb on the top of scissors to chop chop chop,” supported student learning in a fun and memorable way. This faith-based preschool provides a structured and nurturing environment with positive teacher-student interactions.

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The center mirrors local school communication practices by using the Class Dojo app. The environment is clean and organized, with a tidy refrigerator and nutritious snacks provided daily by parents. Backup snacks are available and stored properly, with a list of approved items shared with families. The center follows CACFP nutrition guidelines and does not administer medication. Tables are sanitized before meals, and both staff and children follow proper handwashing procedures. Safety measures are in place, including a stocked first aid kit, monthly fire/tornado drills, a completed radon test, annual heating maintenance, and a functioning carbon monoxide detector. Sanitary practices throughout the center are well-maintained. First Aid kit had appropriate supplies to treat minor injuries.

If the preschool participates in field trips, they utilize the church bus.

The center's goals focus on helping children reach the same learning level, fostering independence, and supporting the development of social skills.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This faith-based preschool offers a warm, structured, and supportive learning environment. The staff is well-educated and committed to creating an inviting atmosphere that fosters both academic and social-emotional growth. Positive teacher-student interactions were observed, along with clear structure and boundaries that support classroom management.

Staff has a positive relationship with parents.

They complete parent/teacher conference yearly.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

Date: 11/18/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

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