

Children's Winter Garden with White Wing School – Annual Report 2024-2025

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Overview:

- Strong enrollment
- Voted Best Preschool in 603
- Gave teachers significant raises to keep pace with cost of living
- Church Construction

CWG/WWS continues to have strong enrollment, with the afternoon programs being especially popular this year. Enrollment has been around 80 students, which shows strong growth since the merger in the 2016-2017 school year.

CWG/WWS received recognition as “Gold” in the Preschool category for Best in the 603 2024 by Manchester Radio Group, for the **third** year in a row. This was based on public voting. This award is great recognition for all of the excellent work the administrators and teachers do at the school.

The board took a close look at teacher salary increases again this year. While we raised the salaries substantially last year, the board felt there was still room for improvement given the high increases in the cost of living. Chris prepared a low, medium, and high scenario for annual raises, and the board approved a 8% salary increase for the teaching staff for the second year in a row. In addition to being more competitive, this salary will better reflect the excellent job the teachers are doing.

In March, the Church's outreach campaign raised \$4,767.14 for the scholarship fund. So far this year, the scholarship fund was able to cover \$2,765.58 worth of tuition for families in need.

The ice cream social was back on this year, with beautiful weather and great attendance. Families, the board, and teachers all enjoyed sharing ice cream and playing in the park.

This year, the church building has been under construction. The construction equipment has provided great entertainment for the children. Unfortunately, it also means that the sanctuary and fellowship hall have been unavailable for some of the school year events. CWG/WWS staff have adapted to the changes, but are looking forward to having the facilities back when construction is complete.