



## St. Mary Preschool

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- 3 Year Old Preschool

- Part-time: Tuesday & Thursday
- Full-time: Monday-Friday

- 4 Year Old Preschool

- Part-time: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
- Full-time: Monday-Friday

- Half-Day Dismissal: 11:00am      Full-Day Dismissal: 2:00pm      Aftercare Available until 6:00pm

**Preschool aftercare is separate from the K-6 afterschool program and should be scheduled through preschool registration. Any questions/changes regarding preschool schedules can only be approved by the preschool directors. No changes can be made to a student's schedule after July 1st.**

Our Preschool program encourages children to become enthusiastic, life-long learners. Our goals are to aid in the development of time management, decision making, and problem solving skills in an age-appropriate manner. We believe that each student should have the opportunity to grow and learn at their own pace and to reach their own potential. Students will develop physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually as they are introduced to new concepts and skills. We desire to form a partnership between families and teachers and to promote a positive self-image in each child.

### Concepts and Skills of Focus

- Faith- Students will be introduced to Bible stories and prayers
- Fine Motor Skills- Students will do various hands-on activities to strengthen hand muscles for them to evolve in skills including cutting, writing, coloring, and play.
- Gross Motor Skills- Improve progress on coordination and balance skills through play, running/jumping/climbing, movement songs, and daily activities.
- Pre-Reading and Literacy Skills- Counting, letter, and sound recognition are introduced and practiced daily. Story comprehension and critical thinking will be taught through reading aloud and group discussions.
- Social/Emotional Skills- Students learn to build relationships with peers and teachers. To develop their own readiness skills through books, songs, play and social interactions.
- Language Skills- Focusing on speaking in complete sentences, being able to voice needs, taking turns, retelling a story, saying familiar songs and nursery rhymes, correctly naming colors, objects, people, direction words, and rhyming words.



## A Day in Preschool 3

### ○ Instructional Time:

**7:30-11:00 a.m.**

- Circle Time- Calendar/ Theme/ Literacy discussion
- Religion
- Language Arts
- Snack and Recess
- Art
- Fine motor development
- Gross motor development
- Math and Science
- Story Time and Creative Expression
- Pre-writing skills



### ● Rest Time:

- It is a state requirement that preschool gets a rest/nap time. This occurs at 12:00-1:45 pm every day. Students will need an all in one nap mat with a pillow, blanket and mat connected, small enough to fit in an extra large plastic bag. Anything similar to the photo, around 46"x 21" in size.

### ● Specials offered:

- Art, Music, Spanish in the classroom. Media class based on the schedule availability.

### ● Preschool Requirements:

- Students must be 3 by July 31st of the upcoming school year to begin in Preschool 3.
- Students must be 4 by July 31st of the upcoming school year to begin in Preschool 4
- Students must be FULLY potty trained to be able to start school (being able to verbalize the need to go). **Pull ups are not allowed.** There are no exceptions.
- able to make it through the day without accidents
- able to verbalize needs/wants
- able to be redirected with 1-2 cues
- able to follow a one step direction
- Cafeteria lunch is available for preschool or students can pack. Packed lunch must meet the state requirements and include: **1 bread, 1 protein, 1 fruit and 1 veggie, white milk.** (can be purchased from the cafeteria). As long as those items are included they may pack other things.

