

SAINT MARY'S PRESCHOOL PROGRAM



Parents and Teachers Working
Hand in Hand
St. Mary's School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Mary's preschool program. We hope this year will be enriching and rewarding for all. Thank you for making us a part of your child's early schooling experience. Let us all pray for a holy, successful school year. Our objectives for preschool are to help children develop:

...Spiritually

...Socially

...Physically

...Cognitively

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 3 by July 31st

Birth Certificate ~ according to Nebraska Law, a certified (state seal) birth certificate must be presented to the school office within 30 days of entry.

Immunization History ~ Nebraska State Department of Health and Human Services requires that every child's immunization history be on file. This record must be complete before your child may attend our preschool.

DTaP/PT - 4 doses

Polio (OPV or IPV) - 3 doses

Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) - 1 dose

HIB - 3 doses or 1 dose given on/or after 15 months

Hepatitis B - 3 doses

Varicella (chickenpox) - 1 dose given on/or after 12 months of age

Pneumococcal - 4 doses or 1 given on/or after 15 months of age

REGISTRATION FEE

\$50.00 per child - one time non-refundable fee. This fee is not included in the cost of tuition and **must accompany this form.**

DIOCESAN EDUCATION FEE

\$25.00 per child - **due at the time of registration.** This fee is not included in the cost of tuition and is passed directly to the Diocese.

TUITION RATES (monthly)

Full Day (8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.)

3 days a week \$275.00

4 days a week \$325.00

5 days a week \$375.00

You may select a 3, 4 or 5 day program.

PAYMENTS

Payments are due the first of each month.

PRAYERS

The teacher will let you know when the class starts a new prayer so you can help your child at home. The prayers will be taught in the order given, with the first two said on a daily basis beginning the first day of school. Thank you for your help!

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Angel of God

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love entrusts me here; ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us, this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Since this is an academic setting, if at any time your child is unable to function (example - lengthy crying) they will not be allowed to finish the day and will need to go home.

PRESCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00 - 9:00	Free play Pick up Attendance Folder to Office
9:00 - 9:45	Prayer Group Time Snack Clean Up
9:45 - 10:00	Recess
10:00 - 11:00	Group Time Activity associated with theme of the week
11:00 - 11:15	Get ready for lunch (bathroom, hand washing, prayer, coats)
11:15 - 12:00	Eat lunch
12:00 - 12:30	Recess and bathroom
12:30 - 2:00	Nap
2:00 - 3:00	Afternoon Activity Art, games, reading or music time
3:00 - 3:15	Get ready to go home Prayer

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

You will receive a supply list in your school packet in the fall. Through the year the teacher may ask for additional supplies.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Read books with your child and ask them questions about the story.
- Work on simple puzzles.
- Learning to sit for short periods of time, to work on an activity.
- Coloring – a fun activity that will improve fine motor skills.
- Color and draw with your child. (crayons, markers, pencils)
- If your child does not mainly speak English at home, please start working on English common words and phrases (over the summer).
- Teach them to say, “I have to go to the bathroom.” In English!
- Work with your child to be independent while using the restroom – (pulling up pants by themselves, flushing, washing hands).
- Practice putting jacket/coat on by themselves. (zipping, buttoning)
- Try eating new (American) foods at home if the child will be eating hot lunch at school.
- Ask your child questions about projects that come home.
Examples: “Tell me about this project.” “Is there a story that went with this project?” “What did you use to make it?”

COMMUNICATION

Friday is our regular communication day. Parents Bulletins are sent home each week in the Friday Folders. Please remove papers and return the folder with your child the next day they attend class. This is our way of communication from the school as well as the classroom, so do read the information to keep up with your child’s world! Please refer to St. Mary’s School Calendar and Handbook for other information.

A progress report will be sent home at the end of each quarter.

Visit with your child after school; share his or her day as soon as possible. Please check backpacks for notes, papers and newsletters. Your questions and concerns are welcome any time. You will have a conference in the fall and spring. If a concern arises at school, you will be contacted.

READINESS

Children enrolled in preschool should be toilet trained and able to use the bathroom independently (no pull ups, please). We do understand that bathroom accidents may happen. The children should be able to put jackets/coats off and on themselves.

SNACKS

Snacks are an important boost for children, we will serve a morning snack. Five children a month will be assigned to bring an item for our snack time. This will be on the monthly calendar we send home.

Peanut Allergies - The allergic reaction caused by nuts can be very serious. Please do not bring in any treats that have any kind of nut, peanut or peanut butter. Remember to please check all labels carefully before bringing snacks to school.

CLOTHING

Please dress your child for outside play. We walk to and from Church for lunch everyday. In addition, we will be walking to Bennett Martin Library for story hour every other Thursday. We also play outside everyday. The children need appropriate foot wear so that they can walk and run comfortably. (No flip flops) In the winter they need warm coats, hats and gloves/mittens.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are planned in the fall and spring. If you would like to accompany us, just let us know. Parents must complete a background check before they are able to assist on field trips. A schedule of dates, places and times will be sent to you when they are arranged.

PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM

The basic curriculum is similar for three, four and five year olds. Activities are geared so that they are age appropriate for each group. Children within the same group develop skills at varying stages, and this is taken into consideration in the classroom.

RELIGION

- * Bible stories
- * Christian life
- * Singing
- * Prayers



ART

- * Colors
- * Drawing
- * Painting
- * Construction paper crafts
- * Creative projects



MUSIC

- * Singing
- * Movement
- * Rhythm



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- * Running, skipping, hopping
- * Coordination and strength exercises using small and large muscle
- * Playing together in group games
- * Movement games



SOCIAL SKILLS

- * Sharing toys
- * Sharing responsibilities
- * Using "please" and "thank you"
- * Complimenting others
- * Respecting others



MATH

- * Developing number concept
- * Patterns
- * Size relationships
- * More or less
- * Formation and meaning of numerals 1-10
- * Putting numerals in order
- * Basic shapes
- * Counting objects

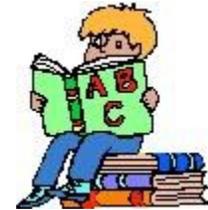


LANGUAGE ARTS

- * Listening skills
- * Thinking skills
- * Communication
- * Literature appreciation
- * Writing

READING AND PHONICS

- * Nursery rhymes
- * Alphabet
- * Sounds
- * Alphabet formation
- * Recognition of letters in words



SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

- * Five senses
- * Seasons
- * Temperature (hot and cold)
- * Around the world
- * Animals
- * Plants
- * Nutrition

