

NURSERY AND PRE-K PROGRAMS

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The Nursery and Pre-K Programs are designed to contribute to all aspects of your child's development. It has been developed to fit and meet three and four-year-old's abilities, developmental levels, learning styles, and interests. The teachers recognize three very important tenets of early childhood education:

- Children grow and develop at unique individual rates that are often unrelated to chronological age.
- Children learn best through doing, through direct, immediate involvement with the environment, and through the sensory input of observation, manipulation, and experimentation.
- Three and four-year-old children are experiencing rapid and important growth in many developmental areas, including the cognitive/intellectual, psychosocial, and physical-motor domains.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum for the Nursery and Pre-K Programs are intended to stimulate your child's learning in all developmental areas: physical, language, social, emotional, and cognitive. It supports the interactive relationship among all areas of development. Young children are tireless experimenters and investigators. At Saint Michael School, they will be encouraged to think creatively, be stimulated, guided, and encouraged in carefully planned activities that allow them to develop at their own optimum rate. Our teachers respond to individual differences in ability, interests, development, and learning styles. They provide the motivation and skills for success in school through appropriate activities. They work to provide your child with both academic success and joy in learning. Your child will be assured of appropriate learning experiences woven throughout the class time in a secure, un-pressured environment.

In addition to outlined classroom learning, your child will participate in:

- Music Program
- Library
- Physical Education Classes



MAKING YOUR CHILD'S FIRST SCHOOL EXPERIENCE A POSITIVE ONE

The Nursery and Pre-K Program experience for your child at Saint Michael School will be a rewarding venture. Saint Michael School will provide your child with a solid database essential for later learning, a strong sense of self-esteem, an excitement and curiosity about learning, and an enthusiasm for school.

To guarantee your child's success, we feel parental involvement is important.

- Open communication between home and school is essential. We encourage you to contact your child's teacher at any time. If you are comfortable with your child's learning situation, s/he will be also.
- Share your child's interest in and enthusiasm for new experiences. Learning is truly a life-long experience. Share the joy!
- You will be provided with a written evaluation of your child's progress twice each year. A formal conference will be set up once a year with your child's teacher.
- Please help build sound habits and reinforce seriousness of purpose with regular attendance.

The Nursery and Pre-K Programs become the foundation for later grades. The curriculum progressively supports and builds on learning and development throughout the elementary years. The teachers at Saint Michael School design curriculums across grades to ensure the integration of subject matter and learning.



AGE / DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Nursery students must be three by September 1st and toilet trained. No diapers or pull-ups will be allowed. *There are no exceptions to this rule.*
- Pre-K students need to be 4 by September 1st and toilet trained. No diapers or pull-ups will be allowed. *There are no exceptions to this rule.*

NURSERY PROGRAM OPTIONS

The Nursery Program is available as a 2 or 3 half-day program. Sessions do not change mid-year.

2 Day AM sessions run from 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM

3 Day AM sessions run from 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM

3 Day PM sessions run from 12:30 PM - 3:15 PM

PRE-K PROGRAM OPTIONS

The Pre-K Program is available as a 5 half-day program. Sessions do not change mid-year.

AM sessions run from 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM

PM sessions run from 12:30 PM - 3:15 PM

FULL DAY CARE OPTIONS FOR NURSERY AND PRE-K PROGRAM STUDENTS

Saint Michael School offers two programs to create full day care options for families who need to bridge the gap between school program hours and full day work hours.

- 'The Extended Day Program' was designed for families that require early drop off times or extended care after standard school hours. Details can be found on page 10.
- 'Morning Bunch Program' was designed for families that have children in the afternoon sessions of the Nursery and Pre-K Programs, and require care to fill the morning hours from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Details can be found on page 12.



TUITION

Please turn to page 16 for a tuition overview.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms are mandatory in the Nursery and Pre-K Program. Please view our uniform policy on page 14. In addition to the uniform policy, Nursery Program students should bring a tote bag each day, and Pre-K students should bring either a tote bag or backpack each day. Its important that the bag be easily opened and closed independently by the student.