

Early Childhood Years

at
SAINT MARY'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Saint Mary's School Offers:

Pre-Kindergarten Program

for students 4 years old as of September 30

Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM *or*

Monday through Thursday 11:50 AM to 2:50 PM

Fifth Day available to all - Friday 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

The Pre-K program at St. Mary's School is a program that teaches Christian values where your child can gain a sense of self, explore, play with peers, and build confidence. The play-based program provides early academic skills (pre-reading and language skills), fine & gross motor skills, socialization skills, letter and number exposure, color and shape recognition, as well as, enrichment activities to support our units. All Pre-K students attend music, physical education, art, and library each week. Pre-K teaches children the basic skills needed to succeed in the more academic environment of Kindergarten.

Pre-School Program

for students 3 years old as of September 30

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM *or*

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:50 AM to 2:50 PM

Children in the pre-school program learn through play. Structured activities help students to learn to share, follow directions, work together and respect and love one another. The child's cognitive and social growth is fostered through hands-on learning, including art projects, cooking, outdoor play, listening to books being read, song, thinking-games and other center-based experiences. We teach the whole child by nourishing the spirit and the mind while encouraging their sense of independence.

Pre-School Preparatory Program

for students 2 years old as of March 30

Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Saint Mary's Nursery school provides 2 1/2 year olds the opportunity to grow socially, developmentally and spiritually through interaction with other children and adults. Children this age learn best through play, and this is the basis of our program. We provide developmentally appropriate experiences and materials designed to enrich a child's growth; including music, dance, creative movement, craft and sensory activities.

- *"Together we have forty-five years of combined service and dedication to our St. Mary's Kindergarten Program. Our longevity and continued enthusiasm is a direct result of our Christ centered, child-oriented learning environment. Our fundamental objective is to create a safe and happy learning climate where each child's potential is developed in light of the Gospel values. Within this nurturing environment students become intellectually curious moral leaders of tomorrow because of the early emphasis on mutual respect and responsibility for self and others. We have found that students entering Kindergarten from the St. Mary's pre-school program are well prepared to capitalize on the foundation of learning letters and sounds in a structured, fun, faith-filled environment."*¹

¹ Pam Peebles, Pat Harris and Leeann Klein - Saint Mary's Kindergarten Teachers.

You are invited to attend Saint Mary's Catholic School's Open House - The last Sunday of January, every year In celebration of Catholic Schools Week

For additional information, contact the school at: (804) 740-1048 or visit www.SaintMary.org