

Early Childhood Program

some FAQ's

What is your preschool curriculum?

Our days consist of a mix of teacher-guided learning activities and self-directed learning. Self-help skills, social, emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual development are all addressed within our curriculum. Our weekly plans contain activities that support pre-reading, pre-math, handwriting and science skills and children are able to learn at their own individual pace.

How do you incorporate preschool outdoor play?

In all but the most inclement weather, outdoor play is an important part of our daily routine. Children should be dressed accordingly to participate.

What preschool specials are offered?

Preschool students are offered PE, Art, Music, and Library/read-aloud each once per week.

Do I need to provide school supplies?

Yes. A basic supply list will be posted at the start of the summer for families to purchase prior to the first day of school, which for preschool students is typically the Tuesday after Labor Day.

Can I volunteer in my child's classroom?

Yes!!! We encourage all parents to volunteer in or out of the classroom. All volunteers must complete the CORI process prior to their service.

Is there a nap/rest time?

Each day we have rest time from 12:45 to 1:45. This is an important time for the children to unwind and rejuvenate after a busy morning. We create a peaceful environment with music and low lighting. Some students sleep, others put their heads down to rest and engage in quiet activities in their designated rest time space until afternoon wrap-up begins.

What is your preschool discipline approach?

Discipline consists of redirecting the child to another activity or behavior that's more appropriate, or briefly removing the child to another activity or situation to recompose him/herself before rejoining the activity. We emphasize choices and natural consequences, and model positive social behaviors for the children to use to avoid and resolve conflicts. For any on-going issues, teachers will communicate with parents so that school and home are working together with the child's best interests in mind.

Will my child eat at school?

All preschool students will need a snack and drink for the day. Currently, full day preschool students eat lunch as a group in their classrooms. Students may bring their own lunch to school or parents will sign their child up via the teacher's class system to receive a free hot lunch through our hot lunch program. St. Francis Xavier School is a peanut/tree-nut free school.

How will I be informed of my child's progress?

At the end of the summer, we have an orientation day as a part of the transition to preschool. Families will receive a progress report for each Trimester outlining their child's areas of strength and weakness for preschool skills. During the school year we have preschool parent/teacher conferences in January. Teachers are always available to meet with families on an as-needed basis.