

# St. Vincent de Paul Preschool

A great place to learn and grow!

## Frequently Asked Questions



### What classes are offered ?

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| • 2-Day Preschool      | Tues & Thurs | 8:30-11 am |
| • 3-Day Preschool      | M,W,F        | 8:30-11 am |
| • 5-Day Preschool Plus | M-F          | 12-2:30 pm |
| • Morning Pre-K        | M-F          | 8-11 am    |
| • Afternoon Pre-K      | M-F          | 12-3 pm    |

Preschool begins in September and ends in May.

### How many students are in each class?

- Preschool is capped at 14 students per class.
- Pre-K is capped at 16 students per class.

### What is 5-Day Preschool Plus?

Our 5-Day Preschool Plus class is a half-step between Preschool and Pre-K. Children may attend Pre-K or Kindergarten the following year, depending on their readiness. This class is for 4-year-olds.

### How is faith integrated into preschool? Is St. Vincent Preschool for Roman Catholic families only?

Faith in Jesus Christ is woven into everything we do, through songs, prayers, our religion curriculum, celebrating holidays, and everyday conversations. St. Vincent de Paul Preschool is a Roman Catholic school, and we welcome children of all faiths.

### What happens in a typical day at preschool?

During a typical day, students . . .

- hang up their backpacks next to their nametag
- indicate their choice of drink
- choose or rotate through Centers (subject specific play areas designed to build knowledge and skills)
- play on the playground
- play with language (ex. create rhymes and rhythms)
- develop social skills through dramatic play and sharing
- engage in Circle Time (music, movement, prayers, reading books, weather)
- interact with the teacher one-on-one
- learn to write, starting with their own name
- develop fine motor skills through cutting, painting, coloring and using play dough
- enjoy snack time with their friends
- learn responsibility by caring for their supplies and cleaning up

### How are you dealing with COVID-19?

To lessen the spread of COVID, we:

- keep each class away from other classes;
- sanitize toys, supplies and high touch surfaces daily;
- changed our drop-off and pick-up procedures to reduce the number of people in the school building.

Currently, masks are optional. Our preschoolers have adapted well to our COVID safety protocols. We are blessed to be open every day!

### What are the entrance requirements?

- 2-Day & 3-Day Preschool: 3 years old by August 1st
- 5-Day Preschool Plus: 4 years old by August 1st
- Pre-K: 4 or 5 years old by August 1st and planning to enroll in kindergarten the following year.
- Children must be able to use the toilet independently
- Exceptions to age requirements will be considered

### Do you offer before and after school care?

Yes. Our Extended Care program is available from 7 am until 6 pm on the child's school days.

### My child has an IEP. Will my child continue to receive services at St. Vincent Preschool?

Yes. We partner with the local school districts to identify needs, develop IEP's and ensure our students receive the services outlined in their IEP's.

### How does Pre-K at St. Vincent prepare children for Kindergarten?

Our fantastic teachers use *Learning Without Tears* curriculum to help our Pre-Kindergarten students gain foundation skills such as:

- handwriting, literacy and math skills
- problem solving & strategies for expression
- understanding multiple tasks and directions
- hand-eye coordination
- increased independence.

Our Pre-K students are well-prepared with the social, emotional and academic skills necessary for success in Kindergarten and beyond.

### How does St. Vincent Preschool communicate with parents?

Parent involvement is very important! We invite parents to join us for events such as:

- "Peek Into Preschool" & "Breakfast with a Buddy"
- Christmas Concerts & Parent-Teacher Conferences

These events have been virtual this year. Parents are kept in the know with frequent communication from the teachers via

- Emails & Newsletters
- Two online platforms: ClassDojo & D.A.
- Facebook posts & Phone calls

### I am not sure whether my child should attend Pre-K or Kindergarten. What should I do?

Children entering Kindergarten should be at least 5 years old by August 1st. Please call the school office to sign up for kindergarten screening. That will provide a baseline for future discussions about placement. Kindergarten screening typically takes place the first 2 weeks in March.

### Is there a scholarship or sliding scale for tuition?

We do not offer scholarships or a sliding scale for preschool. Scholarships are available for K-8th.