

# Saint JAMES PRESCHOOL



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How many kids are in a class?**

The Pre-K classroom is licensed for 24 children with two teachers in the classroom. The 3's classroom will have up to 8 children with one teacher in the classroom. The 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  classroom will have up to 6 children with one teacher. Parents are offered different volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

### **What are the staffs' qualifications?**

Each staff member holds a college degree and also maintains at least 15 hours of continuing education each year. In the Pre-K classroom at least one teacher has to be DPI certified through the state of Wisconsin.

### **How much religion is taught?**

Our VASD Pre-K program will not have a religious component. In our traditional preschool programs we read bible stories, learn prayers and bible stories and talk about God throughout our other themes.

### **Why we use Play based learning?**

"Play provides the foundation for academic or 'school' learning. It is the preparation children need before they learn highly abstract symbols such as letters (which are symbols for sounds) and numbers (which are symbols for number concepts). Play enables us to achieve the key goals of our early childhood curriculum. Play is the work of young children" (Creative Curriculum).

Through play we will nurture learning in social, emotional, cognitive, language and motor skills. We will use many different resources and allow for flexibility in programming. Some of our materials come from the Learning Without Tears, Houghton-Mifflin Pre-K curriculum, Creative Curriculum, Pyramid Model and other sources. We celebrate holidays, seasons, special days and other items that are of interest to the children.

### **Do you offer afterschool programs?**

Yes! We offer lunch bunch options. They are offered for an additional fee and on different days. Look for more information during the summer. The class options are subject to change each school year and can only run with enough enrollment.

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### **Do you take fieldtrips?**

We try to visit locations within walking distance and also have special visitors come into the classroom to share their knowledge and talents with us. In the past we have visited the Verona Post Office, Verona Public Library, Millers, Verona Senior Center and others. The Pre-K class may take field trips that requires bussing.

### **What is a typical day like?**

At preschool, every day brings something new and we are always ready to make adjustments for new learning opportunities that arise. Please see the "Sample Class Schedule" below to see what our school days look like. All four classrooms have a schedule that is similar but might change the order of activities.

## **Sample Class Schedule**

8:30-8:45	Arrival & Welcome Activities
8:50-9:05	Hello Circle Time (Hello Song, Weather, Introducing Letter, etc.)
9:10-9:25	Small Group Work (Show & Share, Learning Without Tears)
9:30-9:50	Hand washing, Songs, and Stories
9:55-10:20	Snack, Books, Puzzles, & Journals
10:25-11:05	Centers (Choice time & projects)
11:10-11:20	Closing Circle (Sharing time & Good-bye song)
11:25-11:40	Outside play & dismissal

### **Cost of Classes:**

- 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  class is \$220 a month September-May for 2 days a week (Mondays & Fridays)
- 3's class is \$335 a month September-May for 3 days a week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays)
- VASD Pre-K no monthly fee for Verona residents (private pay is \$385 a month)

### **Important Dates for Registration:**

- 2/6-2/22 - Open Enrollment
- 2/22 - Registration Forms & Non-Refundable Registration Fee for 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  & 3's Class Due
- April - 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  & 3's Class placement letters will go out
- June - Pre-K placement letters will go out

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