

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 talk about God throughout our other themes.

Why we use Play based learning?

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 After Class Activities?

Yes! We offer after class activity options. Some examples are Kindermusik, Lunch Bunch, etc. 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, can only run with enough enrollment, and typically don't begin until October.

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 Police and Fire Stations, Millers, Verona Senior Center and others. The Pre-K class may take field trips that require bussing.

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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 typically look like (taken from Pre-K). All four classrooms have a schedule that are similar but might change the order of activities.

Sample Class Schedule

8:40-8:55	Arrival & Welcome Activities
9:00-9:15	Hello Circle Time (Hello Song, Community Building, Large Group)
9:20-9:35	Small Group Work (Handwriting, Math, Literacy, Choice Time)
9:40-9:55	Hand washing, Songs, and Stories
10:00-10:15	Snack
10:20-10:45	Outdoor Play/Recess
10:50-11:30	Centers (Choice time & projects)
11:35-11:45	Closing Circle (Sharing time & Good-bye song)
11:50	Dismissal

Cost of Classes:

-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ class: \$234 a month charged October-May

2 days a week: Mondays and Fridays from 9:00-11:00

-3's class: \$300 a month charged September-May

3 days a week: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 8:40-11:40

-VSD Pre-K: no monthly fee for Verona residents (private pay is \$385 a month)

4 days a week: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 8:30-11:40 or 8:40-11:50 (time will be determined by the district before school starts)

Important Dates for Registration:

-2/5-2/28 - Open Enrollment

-2/28 - Registration Form & Non-Refundable Fee for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 3's Class Due

-April/May - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 3's Class placement letters will go out

-June - Pre-K placement letters will go out

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