

St. John's Lutheran School

Our Preschool Teaching Team

Discover the Difference....



Preschool 2/3 Class

Mrs. Jennifer Castens, Lead

B.A in Elem. Ed. & E.C. - 15 years experience

Mrs. Nicole Tindall, Assistant

Preschool 3/4 Class

Miss Solveig Bolstad, Lead

M.A. in Early Childhood - 15 years experience

Mrs. Caron Yochum, Assistant



Preschool 4/5 Class

Mrs. Anna Auer, Lead

B.A in Elem. Ed. - 22 years experience

Mrs. Susanne Byerly, Assistant

Preschool—After Care

Mrs. Laura Clouser

Ms. Abigail Hanson



Early Childhood Director

Mrs. Diane Caughlan

A.A. - Child Development & Teaching

25 years experience



Faith + Excellence + Partnership + Opportunity

Learning Environment

- Our Curriculum
- Our Assessments
- Our Outdoor Classroom



We teach based on ***Project Approach***.

Children have a strong disposition to explore and discover. The Project Approach builds on natural curiosity, enabling children to interact, question, connect, problem-solve, communicate, reflect, and more. This kind of authentic learning extends beyond the classroom to each student's home, community, nation, and the world. It essentially makes learning the stuff of real life and children active participants in and shapers of their worlds.

You can learn more about the Theory, Learning & Teaching, and Planning of this curriculum by visiting the following website: <http://projectapproach.org/about/project-approach/>

We assess with a ***Portfolio System***.

If we desire to gain a true understanding of student growth toward developmental outcomes, then an authentic, ongoing process is needed. Formative assessment supports and informs instruction while learning is happening. Assessments happen during play and observation. Authentic work such as handwriting samples, self-portraits, interviews, cutting samples, and anecdotal notes for behavior/social/emotional and spiritual development are completed each month. Observations include note-taking, photos, and encouraging conversations that all align with early learning standards and domains. Teachers put assessment into their daily lesson plans throughout the day. Portfolios are available to view any time, and are shared with parents during parent teacher conferences in October and April.

We learn even more in our ***Outdoor Classroom***

All children need and benefit from more time outdoors. This benefit affects development and learning. It is critical for physical health. For children ages 0 to 5, development and learning outdoors is often easier and more beneficial than it is indoors. The outdoor learning program promotes a healthy lifestyle for young children and creates a respect for the earth they will inherit while providing inviting spots for play and learning. The Outdoor Classroom supports physical, social and emotional growth, as well as growth in math, science, language & literacy, social studies, art, music and drama. Being outside nurtures creativity, persistence, collaboration, problem solving and communication that we know leads to lifelong learning.



Our Program

Enrollment Options

Tuition Rates

Half Day program runs from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

- ♦ Before care can be added from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.
- ♦ Lunch bunch can be added from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

School Day program runs from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

- ♦ Before care can be added from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.
- ♦ After care can be added from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Students may enroll for 2, 3, or 5 days of attendance per week. Enrollment and class options are subject to availability.

2020-2021 Tuition Rate: 2, 3, 4 and 5 Year Olds

Monthly Payment (10 months, Aug-May)

Program Options	Time of Day	5 Days per Week	3 Days per Week	2 Days per Week
Half Day + Before	6:30am—11:30am	\$457.40	\$302.80	\$217.00
Half Day + Before + Lunch	6:30am—1:00pm	\$536.20	\$350.10	\$248.50
School Day + Before	6:30am—3:30pm	\$737.20	\$491.70	\$354.10
School Day + Before + After	6:30am—6:00pm	\$842.20	\$554.70	\$396.10
Half Day	8:00am—11:30am	\$378.60	\$255.50	\$185.20
Half Day + Lunch	8:00am—1:00pm	\$457.40	\$302.80	\$217.00
School Day	8:00am—3:30pm	\$658.40	\$444.40	\$322.60
School Day + After	8:00am—6:00pm	\$763.40	\$507.40	\$364.60

Tuition is based on an annual school year rate; payable in 10 monthly payments (August—May)

2nd Child Discount 10%

3rd Child Discount 15%

Additional Curriculum

Sample Daily Schedule

Early Childhood Summer Camp



One In Christ Religion Curriculum—Introducing lessons from the Old and New Testaments with stories, songs, finger plays, and action poems.

Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Program—introducing sounds of spoken language. Daily lessons are auditory activities involving students in manipulating sounds in words.

Second Step Social/Emotional Curriculum— Weekly lessons designed to teach learning skills, empathy, emotional management, friendship skills and problem solving. Work is done through stories, puppets, songs and games.

What happens in a typical day?

6:30—8:00 Before Care

8:00—9:15 Outdoor Classroom

9:15—9:45—Toileting / Snack

9:45—11:15 Project Learning / Assessment

11:15—11:30 Group Meeting

11:30—12:00 Lunch time

12:00—12:30 Recess

12:30—1:00 Toileting—Group Meeting

1:00—2:30 Rest time

2:30—3:15 Toileting / Snack / Free Choices

3:15—3:30 Dismissal Time

3:30—6:00 After Care

Early Childhood Summer Camp

We offer a summer camp program for children in Preschool through 2nd grade that runs 9 weeks; typically one week after school is out in May until one week before the school year begins in August. You can find out more details by following this link:

<https://www.stjohnsarnold.org/info>

Also in our Program:

- Classroom Parties and Field Trips
- Chapel Chats, Chapel visits, and service projects
- Community Helper visits and classes
- Family Projects and Family Activity Nights
- Christmas Program and Special Grandparents Visit Day in March