Philosophy

- Our program encourages growth of the whole child: physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially and creatively in a Christian environment.
- Through the school's daily routine, each child will have the opportunity to create, discover, interact and learn concepts through hands-on experiences that are developmentally appropriate.
- Using thematic units, children will have activities that are self-directed, as well as teacher-directed.
- The program encourages children to problem-solve and interact with their peers.
- The teachers are supportive and nurturing of each child and work with parents to provide for the child's growth and development.

Registration

- Registration for the next school year begins at our winter Open House.
- Registration continues throughout spring and summer but is subject to space availability.
- Non-refundable registration fee of \$95.
- Early registration is available for current and previous Preschool families, and St. Mark members.
- A current physical exam is required within six months of the first day of school.

Licensing and Accreditation

St. Mark Preschool is licensed by the State of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

Other Opportunities at St. Mark Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Sunday Chapel Service: 8:00 a.m. Fellowship/Education Hour 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship with Holy Communion: 10:00 a.m.

WOW! Mid-week Christian Education

Wednesday 4:30-6:00pm Preschool-5th Grade

We offer: Spiritual Enrichment, Music Programs, Fellowship Groups, Youth Programs and Congregational Ministries.

St. Mark admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies and other school-administered programs.



Our Story

St. Mark Preschool has been developing the confidence and self-esteem of sons and daughters in our community for over 50 years. Since Preschool is your child's first school experience, we believe in providing a welcoming, safe and encouraging environment. Their experience here helps lay the groundwork for a successful school journey.

With our revamped curriculum, your student will experience inquiry-based learning with an emphasis on art, science and technology. Students work collaboratively while practicing real-world problem solving. Incorporating the latest educational techniques, your son or daughter will learn by making and by doing, while developing social skills and relationships that can last well beyond preschool years.

Won't you come join us and enter the St. Mark preschool experience where a love of learning is instilled on a daily basis?



Learning through play is an important part of the curriculum

Programs at a Glance

The preschool program's focus is child centered with an emphasis on learning through self-discovery and all the senses, encouraging curiosity and assisting your child to develop at a comfortable pace.

Flexibility is a key component of program design, scheduling and curriculum so you as the parent(s) or guardian(s) can take advantage of all that St. Mark Preschool has to offer and balance it with the rigors of daily life. Open five days from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Kindergarten Enrichment exemplifies flexible programming where children can continue to grow and develop outside the academic rigors of their school day.

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School Hours: 7a.m.-6p.m. (Mon - Fri)

Many Options Available..just ask!

3-Year-Old Preschool

Child must be 3 and toilet trained by September 1st.

Morning classes (2-day):

9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday



4-Year-Old Preschool

Child must be 4 by September 1st.

Morning classes (3-day):

9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday,

Group activities that encourage your child to create and share ideas

Friday Tuition: \$230/month



Classroom Time, *60 minutes*: Dramatic Play, Block Area, Manipulatives, Creative Art, Science Center, Quiet Area

Clean-up Time, 15 minutes: Organize Room, Bathroom

Snack Time, 15 minutes: All snacks are included with tuition and provided in a nut-free environment.

Group Time, 30 minutes: Introduction of Day's Activities, Story Time, Finger Plays. *Small Group Time:* Show & Tell, Science Experiments

Large Motor Skills, 20 minutes: Held in "Blockroom", Gym or Outdoor Playground Activities: Climbing, Jumping, Running, Skipping Equipment: Balls, Scooters, Parachutes, Hula Hoops

Music, 10 minutes: Singing, Creative

Special Events

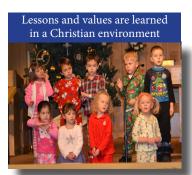
- Train Field Trip (4-year)
- Dad's Day
- Mother's Day Tea
- Family Fun Night
- Christmas PJ Pageant
- Parent Education Programs
- Parent Social Events



Kindergarten Enrichment Program

- New and improved enrichment program emphasizing Art, Science and Technology.
- Bus Pick up/Drop off from District 57 Kindergarten.
 (District 57 Bus Fee not included)
- School Doors and Bus Stop are located on Pine St. so your kids will be picked up and dropped off at the same location
- Flexible schedules available to meet your specific needs
- Tuition: Without lunch \$125/week (\$500/month)

With lunch \$156/week (\$624/month) *Daily rate available with a minimum of 3 days



Discovering new concepts through hands on learning

Lunch Bunch Program

Expand and enhance your child's part time preschool day with a catered, hot lunch and extended playtime. Students from all our programs come together and stay for lunch.

- 11:30-12:30 and can be added to preschool days.
- Our menu offers a wide variety of rotating healthy meals.
- Schedule includes exploring new, healthy foods, socializing and interacting with new friends, and "free choice" play in the classroom or "blockroom."

Full Day/Half Day 3 -6 Year Olds

- Comprehensive, compassionate care from 7 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- On-site breakfast, two snacks and a healthy hot lunch.
- Daily schedule begins with the morning preschool format, followed by lunch, then quiet/nap time.
- The remainder of the day is a blend of free-play, crafts, story time, gym time and music.
- Child must be 3 and toilet trained
- Tuition: Full Day \$230/week (\$920/month)

 Half Day with lunch \$117/week (\$468/month)

 Half Day without lunch \$105/week (\$420/month)

*Daily rate available with a minimum of 2 days