

## 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

- Begins **February 1, 2024**, at 10:00 a.m.
- Registration continues throughout spring and summer but is subject to space availability.
- Non-refundable registration fee of \$110.
- Early registration is available for current and previous Preschool families.

### Licensing and Accreditation

St. Mark Preschool is licensed by the State of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Our curriculum follows the Illinois Early Learning Standards.

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.

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## Early Childhood Programs

### Our Story

**St. Mark Preschool & Enrichment Center** has been fostering the confidence and self-esteem of children in our community for over 65 years. We believe a child's first school experience should be welcoming, safe, and encouraging, where a child can develop and learn at his or her own pace.

Your child will learn hands on by making and by doing, while developing social skills and relationships that can last well beyond the preschool years. Come join the St Mark Preschool experience where families feel supported, and children develop a life-long love of learning!



Learning through play is an important part of the curriculum

### Programs at a Glance

St. Mark's Early Childhood Programs are child-centered with an emphasis on learning through all the senses, fueling your child's curiosity, self-discovery, and growth. Experienced teachers use the latest educational techniques and inquiry-based learning to stimulate and support your child's overall development.

Flexibility is a key component of our family friendly program design. We are open five days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and offer:

- **3's & 4's Preschool Classes**
- **Full/Half Day Childcare**
- **STEAM Kindergarten Enrichment**
- **Summer: Continuing Childcare, Summer Camp & STEAM Mini Camps**

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Hours: 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  
(Mon–Fri)

## 3's Preschool Class

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

### Morning classes (3 or 5-day):

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. M/W/F, T/W/TH, or all days

Tuition 3 days: \$345/month, 5 days: \$575/month

Group activities that encourage your child to create and share ideas



Social interaction is part of each activity



## 4's Preschool Class

Child must be 4 by September 1st.

### Morning classes (3 or 5 day):

9:00 a.m.—12.00 p.m. M/W/F or all days

Tuition 3 days: \$345/month,  
5 days: \$575/month

## Preschool Schedule

**Classroom Exploration, 60 minutes:** Language Area, 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

**Large Group Instruction, 20 minutes:** Introduction to Day's Activities, Lesson & Discussion, Story Time, Finger Plays, Show & Tell

**Small Group, 20 minutes:** Skills & Project work, Science Experiments, Individualized Attention, Social Emotional Support

**Large Motor Skills, 30 minutes:** Held in Block Room, Gym, or Outdoor Playground\*

**Activities:** Climbing, Jumping, Running, Skipping, Active Games

**Equipment:** Climber, Slide, Balls, Scooters, Parachutes, Hula Hoops

**Music, 15 minutes:** Singing & Movement

\***Outdoor time:** playground or walk, weather dependant

Discovering new concepts through hands-on learning



## STEAM Kindergarten Enrichment

- Inquiry based learning emphasizing Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.
- Bus Pick-up/Drop-off from District 57 Kindergarten.
- School doors and bus stop are located on Pine St. – pick up and drop off one location
- Flexible schedules available
- Childcare option on Westbrook days off
- Tuition: \$225/week\*, lunch included (\$900/month)  
\*Part time available, minimum 2 days

Lessons and values are learned in a Christian environment



## Full/Half Day Childcare 3-5 yr.'s old

- Comprehensive, compassionate care wrapped around morning preschool from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Flexible full day and half day options\*.
- Two snacks, and a nutritionally balanced hot lunch.
- Daily schedule: optional early morning drop off; morning preschool; lunch; nap/quiet time; and afternoon care
- Later afternoon care includes snack-time, story time and a blend of free play, crafts, puzzles and outside time (weather depending, playground or walk)
- Child must be 3 and fully toilet trained.
- Tuition: Full Day, \$335/week\* (\$1,340/month)  
Half Day AM with lunch, \$215/week\* (\$860/month)  
\*Full or part-time, minimum of 2 full or 3 half days



### Special Events

(these are examples)

- Family Fall Fest
- Christmas PJ Pageant
- Annual Pasta Dinner
- Mother's Day Tea
- Dad's Day
- Gym play dates
- Parent Education Programs