

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS
2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR
ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL (630) 584-4850

PRE-K - (M-F) 9:00-11:30: (Child needs to be 5 by the month of January). Class of 14 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant. Pre-K classes are really meant for children who have had 1-2 years of Preschool and need another year or those with fall birthdays.

Pre-K will offer students a five day morning program with a consistent, in-depth study of units. The class will focus on kindergarten readiness skills in both structured and unstructured settings. The Jolly Phonics program provides a thorough foundation for reading and writing, using a multi-sensory method of teaching the letters and their sounds in a fun way.

Several field trips as well as the twice a month *B Sharp* music instruction and monthly story time with the St. Charles Library will enhance the learning experience. Once a month the class joins Pastor Silber in the sanctuary for Chapel Chats.

The five day Pre K class will also include Science Day every Friday. We will research exciting topics such as how butterflies eat, crickets, magnets, rocks and volcanoes. The children will learn to make hypothesis and explore outcomes in a hands-on learning environment.

Parents are encouraged to accompany us on field trips as well as volunteer in the classroom during the school year.

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FOUR=5 - T/TH/F AM 8:45-11:15 or T/TH/F 4's (Plus) PM 11:45-2:45:
(Child needs to be 4 by September 1). Classes of 20 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant.

The 4's curriculum is designed to help nurture your child's social, emotional, physical and intellectual development through play and group activities. The children will learn to develop both fine and gross motor skills, as well as cognitive and language skills.

All of our activities are designed to be developmentally appropriate to encourage the children's desire to learn. They will be able to express themselves through art, manipulative and play activities. Science, numbers, language skills, and math will be emphasized. We use the D'Nealian alphabet and the Jolly Phonics Program to enhance our literacy skills.

Once a month, the class joins Pastor Silber in the sanctuary for Chapel Chats. This class participates in monthly story time with the St Charles Public Library, twice-a-month music enrichment through *B Sharp Music* and takes two to three field trips in the school year.

*Our 4/5 Plus class will have all the offerings listed above. In addition, this 3 hour class will allow extra time for concept development and kindergarten preparation. It is also a nice selection if you have a sibling in the 3's Plus class.

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THREE=3 - M/W AM 8:45-11:15 or M/W/F AM 9:00-11:30 or T/TH 3's (Plus) PM 11:45-2:45: (Child needs to be 3 by September 1 and must be **fully potty trained!** No pull-ups allowed). Classes of 15-17 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant.

Our three year olds come two or three days a week and these classes offer a combination of structured and unstructured play. They have two circle times. These circle times involve encouraging listening skills and following directions. The children are exposed to beginning Spanish words and phrases, Bible stories, songs, finger-plays, use of rhythm instruments and lots of storybooks. Animal Island, which is an introductory alphabet curriculum, is also used during circle time.

Knowledge acquisition is obtained through experiential-type activities involving as many of the five senses as possible. Activities provide opportunities for exploration through dramatic play, role-playing, toys, blocks, and games. The emphasis of this class builds on developing self help, communication and social skills. Students work with colors, numbers, shapes and are introduced to the use of scissors, alphabet recognition and writing their name. All activities are theme orientated and literature based.

Once a month, the class joins Pastor Silber in the sanctuary for Chapel Chats. They also participate monthly in story time with the St. Charles Library. Twice a month the children participate in music instruction with B Sharp Music. An end of the year field trip is taken to Wheeler Park in Geneva where the whole family is invited.

*The 3's Plus will offer a 3 hour class session. This 2 day a week class will offer more opportunity for concept development and the ideal choice if you will have a sibling in the 4/5 Plus.

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TWO=2/THREE'S - T/TH AM 9:00-11:30: (Child needs to be 3 by the month of April. Class of 15 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant. **Children in this class DO NOT need to be potty trained.**

Our 2 1/2 year - 3 year old class is for children who turn three by April of the current school year. This class meets twice a week for two and a half hours.

In the classroom, the children will experience circle time, "Jesus time", sensory activities, fine motor, creative art, music with movement, concept development (such as colors, shapes, etc), large muscle, snack and of course lots of time for free play and socialization. They participate in Chapel Chats with Pastor Silber in the sanctuary beginning in December.

The 2 1/2 - 3 year-old child thrives in the loving and warm atmosphere of this class. Predictable routines, language-building group times, and learning centers that encourage experimentation combine to create individual successes to promote confidence and self-esteem. Many opportunities for building, hands-on discovery, turn-taking, dramatic play, building trust and developing self-help skills abound.

If you think your child is ready for a first school experience in a warm, nurturing Christian environment, then this is the class for you