



ST. THERESA
SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN OVERVIEW

The St. Theresa Kindergarten classroom is a place where you will find children who are active learners. They are learning how to be part of a school community, both socially and academically. Through a variety of individual and group activities, they will be on their way to becoming readers, counters, builders, painters, explorers and social butterflies! What might look like “just play” is actually serious learning. Children are encouraged to explore their learning environment and stretch their imaginations while having the security of a structured and predictable daily schedule. We sing our way through the alphabet each morning, investigate nature through science activities, create art masterpieces, and learn how to be good friends in our kindergarten family.

The classroom is “center-based”, which allows children to work at their own comfort level in a variety of subject areas. Each center is designed to cater to the needs of your child at their own individual level. Centers allow your child to be challenged creatively and academically.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

1. Gross Motor Skills: hopping, jumping, balancing, etc.
2. Fine Motor Skills: pencil grip, cutting with scissors, writing their name, etc.
3. Visual/Motor Integration: writing tasks to indicate coordination between what they see and what they can reproduce in writing
4. Phonemic Awareness: rhyming words, matching words with the same beginning sounds
5. Reciting the alphabet and counting to 30
6. Recognizing capital letters in random order and numbers from 1-30
7. Auditory memory and sequencing
8. General behavior: parent separation, cooperates, follows directions, courteous
9. Group/social interaction
10. Follows one to three step directions

Problems in any area of assessment may indicate that there is a developmental gap. This gap may be a result of various things, all of which will be shared with the parents by the Principal after assessments are completed and scored.

KINDERGARTEN DAILY SCHEDULE

Regular Schedule (except Wednesdays and Minimum Days)

8:10-3:05

Wednesday Schedule:

8:10-2:05

Minimum Day Schedule:

8:10-12:05

Children need to bring a snack and lunch on all regular school days, including Wednesdays. STEP, the aftercare program is available to the Kindergarteners before school starting at 7:00am and after school ending at 6:00pm for an extra fee.