

Holy Family Preschool is a

community that motivates creativity, encourages academic success, and nurtures spirituality. Our preschool is located on the first floor of the school with the Kindergarten, first, second, and third graders. The children become adjusted to the sounds and routines of an elementary school to ease the transition to Kindergarten. The children also have equal opportunities with the kindergarteners and middle school buddies throughout the academic year and are included in school wide events to enhance the academic, social, and spiritual expectations. Our school provides a safe, nurturing, and secure environment where children can feel at home. The mixture of older and younger grades in the building lends to the same sibling structure the children encounter at home. They go to church and assemblies together, play games together in after-school care, and support each other's successes.

HIGHLY RATED PRESCHOOL BY PARENTS

Holy Family Preschool is rated 5 Stars by Niche for Excellence with Teachers, Family-Oriented, and Faith-Based Values. Parent recommendations are EXCELLENT. It is also rated 5 Stars by GREAT SCHOOLS for School Safety, Family Engagement, Learning, Teachers, and Social/Emotional Support.

Holy Family Preschool is the only private school in the area to provide preschoolers with an outdoor learning experience on campus with forestry, athletic playing fields, fenced in playground, outdoor learning pavilion, a student community garden, and walking paths. We also partner with middle school student buddies to conduct service projects and prepare them for their academic experience throughout their years at Holy Family Elementary School. To support our families, we offer an ambassador program that connects new families to an existing family to aid in the transition to becoming part of the Holy Family "family."



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Your Child Will Thrive at Holy Family Preschool

YOUR CHILD WILL THRIVE AT HOLY FAMILY **PRESCHOOL!** Holy Family Preschool prepares children for success in school through a solid academic foundation in a safe, secure, nurturing, loving, and caring Catholic environment. We encourage young children to grow in an awareness of self and others through the love of God the Father, Jesus his son, and the Holy Spirit. Our preschool seeks to help students develop spiritually, emotionally, and socially with positive reinforcement and encouragement emphasizing that they are special, unique, and capable of limitless accomplishments while also developing social and academic skills. The Preschool runs from September through May and offers three programs:

- Three year old children—Half day on Tuesday and Thursday mornings
- Four year old children-half day on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings
- Four year old children–full day on Monday through Friday

Children must independently toilet themselves-no pull ups. They must be the age of their respective programs by September 1st of the current year.

PERSONAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Our primary goal is to help the children develop positive opinions of self which is essential to successful learning and moral and ethical confidence.

RELIGION READINESS

Our faith is an integral part of the Catholic preschool program. Classroom prayers prepare the child to participate in church celebrations, mass, and growing closer to God. Students learn about the bible and faith-based decision making.

LANGUAGE

The development of communication skills enables a child to share his or her world with others. At the preschool level, the skills include listening, speaking, and thinking as well as an awareness of written work through alphabet activities. The four-year-old children also explore Spanish. Children in the half-day class receive instruction in Spanish once a week, and children in the full-day class receive instruction twice a week.

READING

Once a week, the children have the opportunity to take home two library books. The library comes to the children in the three-year-old program, but the four-year-old children go to the school library and have class with the librarian.



GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

Body coordination is reinforced through walking, running, jumping, hopping, skipping, dancing, and calisthenics, which enhances the physical development of a child. The full-day, four-year old class also attends gym class with the school's gym teacher. All preschool students participate in learning group led sporting activities including but not limited to soccer, basketball, and kickball.



MATH READINESS

Math readiness includes the development of cognitive skills taught through manipulatives, activities, and play experiences. This knowledge comes from understanding colors, shapes and sizes, and counting skills.



FINE MOTOR SKILLS

Eye-hand coordination is fine-tuned through STEAM activities, such as manipulating clay, stringing beads, hammering, gluing, using crayons and scissors, painting, pouring, lacing, building, and sorting manipulatives.

ART, MUSIC & PLAY

At preschool, art is intended to be a joyful, creative experience full of self-expression. The full-day class also attends art class with the school's art teacher.

Music is a channel for creative expression through listening, singing, dancing, and playing instruments. Children experience free play both indoors and outdoors and structured learning activities.