

LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM



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Just Playing



When I am building in the block room, please don't say I'm "just playing". For you see, I'm learning as I play, about balance and shapes. Who knows, I may be an architect someday.

When I'm getting all dressed up, setting the table, caring for the babies, don't get the idea I'm "just playing". For, you see, I'm learning as I play; I may be a mother or a father someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint or standing at an easel, or molding and shaping clay, please don't let me hear you say, "He is just playing". For, you see, I'm learning as I play. I'm expressing myself and being creative. I may be an artist or an inventor someday.

When you see me sitting in a chair "reading" to an imaginary audience, please don't laugh and think I'm "just playing". For, you see, I'm learning as I play. I may be a teacher someday.

When you see me combing the bushes for bugs, or packing my pockets with choice things I find, don't pass it off as "just play". For you see, I'm learning as I play. I may be a scientist someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle or some "plaything" at my school, please don't feel the time is wasted in "play". For, you see, I'm learning as I play. I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate. I may be in business someday.

When you see me cooking or tasting foods, please don't think that because I enjoy it, it is "just play". I'm learning to follow direction and see differences. I may be a cook someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop, run and move my body, please don't say I'm "just playing". For, you see, I'm learning as I play. I'm learning how my body works. I may be a doctor, nurse or athlete someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school today, and I say, "I just played", please don't misunderstand me. For you see, I'm learning as I play. I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my work. I'm preparing for tomorrow. Today, I am a child and my work is play.

~Anita Wadley
<http://justplayingpoem.com/>

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2-Day Preschool - For three year olds (age three by September 15, 2022) who are potty trained. The class meets Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-11:30 AM

3-Day Preschool - For older three year olds (age three by September 15, 2022) who are potty trained. The class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30-11:30 AM

4-Year Old Pre-K - For four year olds (age four by September 15, 2022). The class will meet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (No Wednesdays) 8:30-11:30AM or 12:20-3:20PM

Arrival

Arrival Times: Morning 8:30-8:45AM

Afternoon: 12:20-12:35 PM (Pre-K only)

Dismissal Times: Morning 11:30AM

Afternoon 3:20PM (for Pre-K only)

Details about arrival/dismissal procedures will be shared in August before classes begin.

Pre-Registration & Round Up

Pre-Registration and Preschool & Prekindergarten Round Up is usually held in February. The Pre-Registration fee for Preschool is \$75.00. The Documentation fee for Prekindergarten is \$100.00. Both fees are non-refundable.

Tuition

1. Tuition is determined by the program selected.
2. Tuition is charged on a yearly basis and may be paid in up to twelve equal installments (August – July). You may pay the entire balance or make payments monthly. The first payment for the school year is due August 1st. Each monthly payment is due on the first of each month.
3. If your child leaves the program, tuition will be prorated.
4. PreK students who live in Iowa and are 4 years old on or before Sept. 15th of the school year attending have the first ten hours per week of instruction paid for by the state of Iowa. The remaining 2 hours of instruction per week, which allows for the teaching of religion, is billed as a total annual tuition of \$250.

Online Registration

We will send you an email with instructions on how to complete the online registration process. This process will include filling out forms specific to your student's age. Payments can also be made online with a credit or debit card. If you have questions about this process, please call Katie at the billing office ~ 563.359.0345.

Health Forms

An immunization record and a child health exam form must be completed and turned into the school office on or before the first day of school.

Birth Certificate & Baptism Certificate

A copy of the child's Birth and Baptism certificates must be on file in the school office on or before the first day of school.

Illness

IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES ILL OR HAS AN ACCIDENT AT SCHOOL, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY. BE SURE ALL EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS ARE ON FILE AT THE SCHOOL.

Discharge Policy

Before any child is discharged, parents will have a conference, receive written notice and be given a two-week period to make new arrangements.

Possible reasons for discharge:

1. Failure to pay tuition (without making special arrangements)
2. Child is not developmentally ready for preschool

Tips for School Preparation

1. Build a healthy attitude toward school.
2. Provide opportunities for your child to play with other children his/her own age.
3. Read simple stories and provide various outdoor experiences.
4. Select simple clothing and shoes... easy for your child to put on and take off by themselves in order to build self-confidence.
Washable – we get messy!
5. Teach your child rules of safety in going to and from school.
6. Teach your child to cover his/her mouth with their elbow when coughing or sneezing.
7. Give your child every opportunity at home to practice good health habits.

Our Closing Thoughts

These little ones are our world's greatest assets. They have the potential to be and do anything their own imagination and our guidance and encouragement will allow. Here at Lourdes we will endeavor to let them see God in all their surroundings and themselves as gifts from God.