



VIKING KID CARE

Ideal for working parents, St. Paul School's before and after school care is available on site each weekday beginning at 6:30 a.m. Students are dismissed to the teacher on duty at 7:45 a.m.

After school care is available from dismissal time, including early dismissal days, until 6:00 p.m. An afternoon snack is provided and students are offered opportunities to complete their homework.

Besides being a great time for students to get their homework done, the time spent in Viking Kid Care is like being at home. Students enjoy playing, watching movies, outside activities, computer learning, and relaxing in a safe, fun atmosphere.

Viking Kid Care is available on any day that St. Paul School is in session, even on early dismissal days. However, if there is no school, Viking Kid Care will not be available.

Viking Kid Care is available for a nominal fee.

SECURITY

St. Paul Catholic School has a safe and secure campus with one-point outside access via video surveillance. Our youngest students enjoy a private, fenced playground.

Your child's safety is our highest priority!

DRESS CODE

The St. Paul School dress code will be given out at the time of registration.

HELP YOUR CHILD GET READY FOR SCHOOL

Your child will have many new experiences and learn new skills in St. Paul School's kindergarten program.

To make the transition easier for your child, here are some things your child should know before he/she enters kindergarten:

- Know the 10 basic colors
- Know the 6 basic shapes
- Say the alphabet
- Recognize letters in the alphabet
- Count to the number 20
- Recognize the numerals 1-10
- Recognize his/her first and last name
- Write his/her first name with the first letter in upper case and the remainder of the letters in lower case
- Know his/her phone number and address
- Tie shoes and work zippers (PE shoes may have Velcro closures)
- Remove and put on his/her jacket independently, including knowing how to zip and fasten
- Take care of his/her toilet needs
- Wash his/her hands after going to the toilet and leave the bathroom clean
- Cover his/her nose and mouth with tissue when he/she sneezes or coughs



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KINDERGARTEN

OUR PHILOSOPHY

St. Paul Catholic School is committed to the four-fold purpose of Catholic Education:

Message | Community | Worship | Service

We believe in the value of each child as a unique individual loved by God. We strive to create an environment which will challenge the students to grow in their faith, to reach their fullest academic potential and to develop a healthy acceptance of self and a Christian respect for others.

WHAT IS KINDERGARTEN?

Five-year-olds learn best through first-hand experiences. They need many opportunities to touch, feel, handle, create, build, experiment, and explore. Some of their time is spent in play, for play is the business of childhood. Through play, children begin to clarify their confusions, orient themselves to their immediate world, accept themselves as creative individuals, solve problems, and build concepts.

Five-year-olds learn from the repetition in stories, dramatic play, music, and computer programs. Self-expression is fostered through painting, drawing, games, and social activities. Readiness experiences for learning the subjects of reading, writing, and arithmetic are also part of kindergarten.

At St. Paul Kindergarten, five-year-olds grow in an environment where they feel secure, respected, and free to explore; an environment conducive to learning about oneself, one's world, people and things; and an environment which promotes success.

As part of the all-day kindergarten program, a hot lunch is available for purchase. Students may also choose to bring their lunch and purchase milk.

Classes are in session from 8:15 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Students may arrive after 7:45 a.m.



OUR PROGRAM

In Kindergarten your child will be guided to develop and strengthen the following skills:

Readiness for Reading:

- Know left from right
- Distinguish similarities and differences
- Enrich vocabulary
- Learn to follow directions
- Develop ability to tell stories in sequence
- Develop memory skills
- Develop an awareness of detail
- Become skilled at eye-hand coordination
- Identify initial consonant sounds
- Learn opposites
- Learn to rhyme

Number Readiness:

- Count, recognize and write the numerals 1-20
- Recognize simple geometric shapes
- Understand number concepts 1-20 by emphasizing grouping
- Develop an appreciation for the use of mathematics in daily hands-on experiences

Muscular Coordination:

- Enjoy rhythmic activities through the use of music
- Develop gross motor and fine motor skills (finger plays, action rhymes, etc.)
- Learn proper use of playground equipment
- Attend PE, art, and music classes on a weekly basis

Social Skills:

- Learn appropriate social skills (cooperation, respect for others, etc.)

Faith Formation:

- Hear and learn about stories from the Bible
- Discover how we practice our Catholic Faith
- Learn how to love and serve others as Jesus has taught us
- Practice simple prayers of our faith

REQUIREMENTS

- A child must be five years of age on or before September 1 to enter kindergarten.
- A certified copy of their birth certificate is required. (Hospital copies are not acceptable.)
- A physical examination and proof of immunizations must be provided by the first day of kindergarten. (The necessary forms will be given out at the time of registration.)

TUITION

There is a \$150.00-returning/\$200-new student non-refundable registration fee per family for all students.

A tuition schedule will be posted at registration and payments are made through FACTS Tuition Management. Information regarding account set-up will be provided at registration.

Note: All tuition and fees for the school year must be paid in full by May 15. Any account unpaid on May 15 will result in an automatic denial of registration. Registration will be accepted upon complete payment of all delinquent charges.

Assistance is available for tuition on a limited basis. Application may be made through the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment.

St. Paul Catholic School admits students of any race, color, sex or 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 based on race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs. Our schools do reserve all their rights as religious entities in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act 775 ILCS 35.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A list of supplies needed for kindergarten will be available early summer.