



Dickinson Catholic Schools

Preschool Handbook

Mission Statement

To educate the whole student, Mind, Body and Soul.

Program Goal

We support each child in their developmental journey of learning, supporting and respecting the individual child as s/he is. We believe children's development is their individual journey and each has their own path of learning. With our guidance, children have the opportunity to grow socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually through play and hands-on experiences.

Licensing

We are licensed through Stark County Social Services. We are required to have current Immunization forms, a copy of their Birth Certificate, Child Information Sheet and Parent Statement of Health on file in the classroom before entering preschool. We have emergency plans for fire escape, tornadoes and building intruders. We practice drills so all of us know what to do in an emergency and remain safe. According to the state, the size of the classroom, age of children and teacher to child ratios determines the limit of children that can be enrolled in each class. Teachers have obtained CDA (Child Development Associate) credential to teach preschool. Teachers are also required to keep their First Aid and CPR courses up to date.

Preschool Classes Offered

2 Day Program - Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00am – 11:00am

Children must be 3 by April 1 of enrollment year.

3 Day Program – Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00am – 11:00am

Children must be 3 by January 1 of enrollment year.

4 Day Program – Monday through Thursday, adding Fridays in March;
morning and afternoon classes available.

8:00am- 11:00am

12:00pm – 3:00pm

Children must be 4 by August 1 of enrollment year.

Preschool classes follow the Dickinson Catholic School Calendar.

Classes focus on letters of the week, numbers, colors and shapes. We learn the months of the year, days of the week, weather and seasons. Our religion focus will be about the love God has for us and wants us to share with others, Bible stories, prayers, holy days and saints.

The classroom provides materials for children to participate in imaginative play, materials to express creativity through art, manipulatives to develop cognitive and motor skills. Because children learn best through play, during scheduled free time they are able to choose activities best suited for their individual development of problem solving and social skills.

Dress Code

Preschoolers aren't required to wear uniforms. Please dress your child for play and appropriate weather. Your preschooler will have fun and sometimes get dirty. We will be playing outside, as weather permits. Arts & crafts can be messy for dress clothes. Please label all gear to prevent lost articles. We recommend you send your child in closed toe shoes and socks for their safety.

Health & Safety

To minimize problems for everyone involved, please do not send your child to school if they have had a fever, pink eye, lice, respiratory infections, diarrhea, vomiting, strep throat, etc. They should remain home until their symptoms have been gone for 24 hours. Children should be fully able to participate in all activities, including outdoor play.

If a child becomes ill in school, a parent or person indicated on the Emergency Form will be notified to come and pick up the student.

The health and safety of the children in our care is our top priority. Even with watchful eyes, young children are often testing their physical limits making injuries inevitable. Please make teachers aware of any special concerns with your child staying within boundaries. Please always make contact with the teacher before leaving with your child.

Discipline

Love and Logic techniques are used in the Preschool classrooms. Love and Logic encourages children to make decisions and come up with solutions. Children learn with the consequences of their choices and grow through their mistakes. Love and Logic teaches children to be responsible and prepares them to live in the real world, with its many choices and consequences.