



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING OUR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

1. John F. Kennedy Catholic School offers 3-year-old and 4-year-old preschool programs. Children must be three years of age by September 1 to register for the 3-year-old class and four years of age September 1 to register for the 4-year-old class.

2. Programs available:

4-year-old programs

3 days: Mon, Wed, Fri (7:55- 11:30)

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5 days: M-T-W-Th-F (7:55 – 11:30)

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3-year-old program

2 days: T – TH (7:55 – 11:30)

3. Preschool registration requirements:

- a. Completed registration form
- b. Immunization records
- c. Birth certificate (original – copy to be made by office)
- d. Baptismal certificate, if applicable
- e. \$100.00 nonrefundable registration fee

4. Children registering for our preschool must be able to take care of bathroom needs on their own before the first day of class. (No pull-ups/diapers)

Children enrolling in preschool should be excited about a new beginning! Parents should gradually prepare their children for this new experience. Visiting the school and the classroom and meeting the teacher will make the transition easier.

What do we do in Preschool?

- **Circle Time** is a group gathering during which we share our ideas, plans, and observations. Circle activities are designed to stimulate thinking, enrich social skills, and expand attention spans.
- **Gross-motor** activities give children the opportunity to use their muscles as well as their imaginations as they engage in fun, healthy exercises such as running, jumping, and climbing.
- **Fine-motor activities** help improve small-muscle development and eye-hand coordination. Some common items found in the fine-motor/manipulative area include puzzles, crayons, and scissors.
- **Art activities** help children creatively express their thoughts and feelings. They help reinforce fine-motor skills and concept development in areas such as colors, shapes, and sizes.
- **Dramatic-play activities** help children express themselves, practice, life skills, improve social skills, increase self-esteem, build vocabulary, and solve problems. And it's fun!
- **Music activities** promote children's listening skills, creative expression, and social skills. In music, children can explore sound, volume, tempo, and rhythm.
- **Science activities** offer children many hands-on opportunities for observation, exploration, investigation, making predictions, and experimentation.
- **Sand and water activities** allow children to experience with textures and the properties of different substances. These activities also promote development of skills such as math, science, and language.
- **Block play** gives children experience with many different concepts such as shape and size discrimination, number skills, balance, organization, and cause and effect.
- **Storytime** is designed to help children develop an appreciation and enjoyment of literature. Reading enhances vocabulary and comprehension skills.

