# EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



At St. Paul's Early Childhood Center, we are committed to giving you the security of knowing you have made the best choice for your childcare needs. We provide a safe, nurturing, and loving Christian environment where your child can learn and explore.



#### We offer:

- Childcare & preschool for infants—
   4K from 6:30 am-5:00 pm
- Compassionate teachers dedicated to early childhood learning
- Small individualized classrooms with excellent teacher-to-child ratio
- Christian experiences as part of the daily class routine
- Creative projects and exploratory play
- Full and part-time scheduling available
- Daily integrated preschool curriculum

## Your child will be part of a close-knit community from their first day!

At St. Paul's, students have the benefit of remaining in the same school from preschool to graduation. Our students remain part of a close-knit community and benefit from reinforced values throughout their education. Studies indicate that this seamless experience contributes to their success in academics and beyond.

### **Reading Buddies**

This program pairs an upper grade class with a lower grade class for community reading time. The older students develop social and emotional skills like patience and empathy and the younger students have a peer model demonstrating reading skills.

#### **Music Mentors**

Selected middle school students share musical activities with children in the ECC. The older students are able to share their love of music while helping the younger children build foundational skills with individual attention.

# **Infants**

St. Paul's ECC is a safe and nurturing environment where your infant can grow and explore. Our teachers recognize the importance of introducing language, social skills, visual stimulation, sounds, and textures into daily routines.





During these first formative months, your child will receive the one-on-one attention needed to develop a sense of trust and confidence with the staff that care for them every day. Our priority is to create a unique and stimulating environment through the use of play, music, language, blocks, toys, movements, and outside activities.







# **Toddlers**

The Toddler Room, or Yellow Room, is filled with adventures and fun activities that excite and help toddlers develop in ways that give them comfort and confidence. Our goal is to build a trusting relationship with your child so that the path to learning is an easier one.

Your child will learn through singing, dancing, playing, getting messy, and most of all, having fun!

A few skills your child will be working on are:

- Gain knowledge of God's love and the wondrous things he does for us
- Develop hand strength and hand/eye coordination
- Sitting at small table and chairs
- Washing hands at the sink
- Learning simple words and short sentences
- Introduction to different sounds through games and music.

Your toddler will be encouraged to develop friendships and interact with others in group activities. We will guide their development of sharing, listening, and expressing their emotions.



# Two's

Our structured, yet flexible daily schedule includes age-appropriate guided learning activities, reading, singing, group time, indoor and outdoor playtime, and nap time. The red and green rooms are where your child will learn many new things and become more independent.



They will continue to work on their self-help skills by using an open cup, and putting on and taking off their own shoes, jacket, and hats on their own or with little assistance. When they are ready we are here to support potty training.

Some of the things they will learn and work on include:

- Understand they are a special gift from God
- Fine motor development through art projects and activities
- Colors, shapes, and counting
- Puzzle skills
- Following directions
- Working on their hand/eye coordination by placing objects into containers.
- Sitting for short periods in circle time, group activities, and stories

Your child will be encouraged to develop friendships and interact with others in group activities. They will learn how to recognize and handle their own emotions and the emotions of others.











# 3K & 4K

St. Paul's preschool program is designed to accommodate your child as the unique individual God created. Through personalized attention and developmentally appropriate content and activities, we will meet your child where they are and guide them as they learn and grow.



Your child will take on leadership roles in the classroom that will range from helping with different daily tasks and activities to leading the class at circle time.

Your child will build on the skills learned in the previous rooms, and

- Encouraged to share their love and kindness with others through their actions
- Work on their manners and treatment of others
- Learn and participate in exercises that promote a healthy body
- Participate in daily outside play, art, and sensory play
- Will learn how to sit in small groups and participate in stories and related activities
- Be encouraged to share information and thoughts

## **3K**

Age 3 by Sept. 1 Half-days available 2-3 days per week

## **4K**

Age 4 by Sept. 1 5 days per week Wrap Care available

## **Wrap Care**

6:30-7:40 am & 11:00 am-5:00 pm

# Preschool Q & A

# **Q.** At what age can students enter preschool at St. Paul's Early Childhood Center? Children must be 3 years old by September 1.

#### Q. How should a family go about choosing the best school for their child?

Choose a school where you feel comfortable and mirrors what you are teaching at home, and has similar goals for your child.

## Q. How can parents prepare their child to transition from home or a daycare setting to a more formal setting?

Take advantage of opportunities to visit the school. The ECC offers tours and an annual open house.

Begin talking about preschool in a casual, upbeat manner two or three weeks before the first day of school. You can also practice self-help skills at home, read stories about school, and build appropriate expectations to make the experience less scary.

A week before school starts, we hold a Move-In Night for all of our preschool families. This is a perfect time to let your child get acquainted with the space.

Separation anxiety is common at this age. There may be a few tears during the first few weeks of school. To help alleviate the anxiety, remain positive and calm. When you say goodbye, assure your child that you will return. A quick goodbye is better. Do not prolong it as it may get harder instead of better. Remember that your child's teacher is there to support your child, and you.

#### Q. What is the student-teacher ratio?

The ratio varies from 10:1 to 13:1 depending on the ages of children. We ensure each child receives the benefits of individual attention and small group learning.

## Q. What does a typical day look like in preschool at St. Paul's ECC?

Our morning program includes a balance of circle time (including stories, songs, large group games, and rich conversation); one-on-one and small group instruction (developmentally appropriate learning games, activities, and art); and center time (sand table, block area, etc.). Our AM program also includes snack time, recess, chapel, music, physical education, library, and art classes.

Wrap Care includes lunch time, teacher-led learning games and activities, nap/rest time, gross motor time (playground, gym, or movement and music), snack, story time, and playtime.

## Q. What are some special events for preschool students and their families?

We have several special events throughout the year including Fall Fest Kid's Zone, Harvest Night & Open House, Trunk or Treat, Christmas Service, Hello Spring Family Night, and 4K Bridging Ceremony.

# SCHEDULE YOUR TOUR



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