

St. Mark's Preschool Course Offerings

2025-2026 School Year

Two Year Old Classrooms

- 2 Sessions offered. M, W from 9:30am-12:00pm **OR** T, Th from 9:30am-12:00pm
- Students must be 3 years old by 01/31/2025 for M, W session
- Students must be 2 years old by 09/01/2025 for T, Th session
- Students **do not** need to be potty trained

Maximum 12 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant. Two year old class goals focus on helping students become part of a classroom community, exposing them to a variety of stimulating learning activities, and providing a joyful early learning experience through simple themed lessons.

- Students develop the confidence to separate from parent / caregiver and are introduced to the structure of a classroom community (Ex: free choice time, circle time, table activities, interacting with peers, taking turns, etc.)
- Students learn stamina for engaging with teachers during short circle time as they participate in songs/fingerplays, interactive read alouds, and opportunities to share verbally in order to communicate ideas, feelings, likes, needs, etc.
- Students will be exposed to pre-literacy skills such as understanding book orientation (holding book upright, turning pages), observing details in pictures, recognizing some letters, being able to listen while a story is being read, and learning to follow simple multi-step directions.
- Students will be exposed to and begin to develop math skills such as shape / color identification, sorting, and counting.
- Students develop fine motor skills by manipulating small items such as cubes, pegs, puzzle pieces, etc. and having exposure to a variety of tools for drawing and creating such as paint, markers, crayons, etc. Students are also encouraged to develop self help skills with managing coats, hats, boots as they prepare for outdoor large motor activities on our playground each day.
- Students participate in free choice activities such as dramatic play, building, large scale floor puzzles and more. This is a time to practice engaging/communicating with other children and learn about sharing/taking turns.
- Students will have opportunities to grow spiritually through weekly Bible lessons that reinforce that they are made by God, loved by God, and are gifted with ways to share the love of God with others. Students will get to worship God with prayers, songs, stories, and mini-lessons during monthly chapel chats.
- Additional program components include a monthly story time with the St. Charles Public Library, and monthly music classes with B-Sharp Music.

