

St. Mark's Preschool Course Offerings

2025-2026 School Year

Three Year Old Classrooms

- 2 Sessions offered, T, W, F from 9:15am–12:15pm **OR** T, Th, F from 9:15am–12:15pm
- Students must be 3 years old by 09/01/2025
- Students must be potty trained

Maximum 15 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant. This three-day program is appropriate for those children who have completed our 2s program or may be entering preschool for the first time.

Three year old class goals align with benchmarks of the Illinois Early Learning Standards and focus on helping students become part of a classroom community, exposing them to a variety of learning activities, and providing a joyful early learning experience through exposures to / investigations of different high interest topics.

- Students develop the confidence to separate from their caregiver and are introduced to the structure of a classroom community (Ex: free choice time, circle time, table activities, forming a line, interacting with peers, taking turns, etc)
- Literacy skills include daily exposure to the alphabet, print, phonemic awareness, speaking/listening skills, writing/drawing experiences, and joyful interactions with reading.
- Fine motor skills develop with daily activities such as drawing, coloring, painting, gluing, cutting, manipulating playdough, exploring sensory tables, and more.
- Math skills include daily exposure to counting, numeric awareness, calendar activities, patterning, and sorting through the use of hands-on activities and a wide array of manipulatives.
- Social skills develop as students learn to successfully interact with classmates, make choices, learn to express feelings/emotions/ideas with teachers and friends, and begin to demonstrate independence with some daily activities. Children also interact during daily playground/gym time.
- 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, monthly music classes with B-Sharp Music, monthly small group STEAM experiences in our preschool Wonder Lab, in-house assemblies, and an end of the year park field trip where families are invited to join us



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Extended Day Options

Lunch Bunch on Tuesday from 12:15pm-2:15pm

- For students enrolled in Three or Four Year Old Classrooms
- Maximum 15 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant

What is "Extended Day"? Our Extended Day is a year-long program that adds extra learning time to your child's preschool day. This program gives children the opportunity to share a mealtime with their friends, learn important social skills, and participate in fun theme based activities. During the class, children will engage in stories, songs, free play, gym/playground time, games, art, math, language arts and science. A longer preschool day provides parents more free time to run errands, schedule appointments, etc. and is good preparation for students planning to attend part / full day kindergarten.

How it works: After regular class time, Extended Day (ED) students will be escorted and signed in to the ED classroom by their regular classroom teacher. Children will bring their own lunch, drink, and any utensils they may need. Please remember we are a nut free environment, so no peanut butter or nut products. Extended Day is not an official DCFS regulated program, but the standards/policies will be maintained.

Who is it for? This program is for children enrolled in our 3s or 4s program. If your child does not normally attend preschool on Tuesday they are still welcome to register for Extended Day.

When is it? This class meets on Tuesdays , October through April. Children may join at any time if space is available.

Fun Fridays for 4s from 9:15am-11:15am

- Maximum 15 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant.

What is "Fun Fridays for 4s"? Fun Fridays is a year-long program for 4s that gives children an extra opportunity to grow in social skills and participate in fun theme based activities with peers. During the class, children will engage in stories, songs, free play, gym / playground time, games, art, math, language arts, science, cooking and more. This class will not be a continuation of the four day program, but instead a "bonus day" of play based learning with a blend of students from both of our 4s classes.

When is it? This class meets on Fridays, from October- April. Children may join at any time if space is available.



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Enrichment Workshops

Enrichment Workshop + Lunch Bunch

- For students enrolled in Three or Four Year Old Classrooms
- Maximum 15 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant

What are “Enrichment Workshops”? Enrichment workshops are 3 or 4 week themed classes where students will have the opportunity to “dig deeper” into some high interest learning topics. Examples of previous enrichment workshop topics are Budding Engineers, Hooked on Books, Manners Everywhere, Cooking, Coding & Robots just to name a few. Students will also have the opportunity to eat lunch with friends at school and enjoy an extra gym/playground time in addition to exploring the enrichment topic through fun hands-on activities and learning centers.

Who are they for? This program is for children enrolled in our 3s or 4s programs. It allows a more flexible opportunity to try a longer day without committing to our year long extended day program. If your child does not attend preschool on Enrichment Day, they are still welcome to register for Enrichment Workshops.

When are they? This class usually meets for 3 or 4 weeks. Information about upcoming enrichment workshops will be emailed and posted around our preschool in advance of the start of each new session so that families can register for specific programs they are interested in.

