

St. Mark's Preschool Course Offerings

2026-2027 School Year

Four Year Old Classrooms

- 2 Sessions offered. M-Th from 9:15am-12:15pm
- Students must be 4 years old by 09/01/2026

Maximum 15- 20 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant. This four day program is designed for the child in their last year of preschool before kindergarten.

Four year old class goals align with benchmarks of the Illinois Early Learning Standards and focus on kindergarten readiness and promoting a love for learning through exposures to / investigations of different high interest topics.

- Literacy skills focus on letter recognition, letter/sound connection, print awareness, vocabulary development, speaking/listening skills, writing instruction, and inspiring a love for reading.
- Math skills focus primarily on number recognition and counting, but also include concepts such as skip counting, sorting, patterning, measuring, estimating, graphing, reasoning, calendar awareness, and basic problem solving skills.
- Students have opportunities to develop social and self help skills as they interact with peers, make choices during independent play time, learn to express feelings and emotions, and master simple activities independently.
- Students develop small motor skills through a variety of creative classroom experiences and art activities involving scissors, playdough, sensory tables, writing utensils, and more. Large motor skills develop during 30 minute daily gym/playground experiences.
- 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, small group STEAM experiences in our preschool Wonder Lab, in-house assemblies and 2 field trips per year (parents attend with children).

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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.

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-12:15am

- 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.

