

A place to grow wings



Wonder Explore Discover

little lions

Saint Pius X Preschool

Ages Three to Five

The warm and nurturing environment of Little Lions Preschool fosters growth and development of young children while stimulating their natural wonder and curiosity through exploration and discovery.



“The growth in my child’s understanding of faith this year was outstanding.”

Little Lions Preschool Parent

Our Philosophy

Little Lions Preschool is a community in which children, ideas and learning are treasured and celebrated by providing quality educational experiences that reflect the importance of integrating the Catholic faith into daily life.

The developmentally-appropriate curriculum fosters spiritual, cognitive, social, emotional and physical development of the whole child.

Program and Curriculum Goals

- Integrate the Catholic faith in all learning experiences
- Teach children to model Christian behavior and provide a sense of self-worth as one of God's children
- Develop confidence and self-help skills through various hands-on class activities
- Facilitate social development through peer group interactions focusing on cooperation, sharing and making friends
- Integrate literacy learning and skills into all academic subject areas including math, science, social studies, music and fine arts
- Embrace the natural learning process through curiosity and enthusiasm in a variety of experiences
- Establish a positive and supportive partnership between teachers and parents



Unique Features of Little Lions

The foundation of Little Lions Preschool is enriched by incorporating proven methodologies that provide specialized attention to the developmental stages of a young child.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd introduces children to liturgy and scripture, using a hands-on approach following the Montessori philosophy.

Wilson Foundations is used to teach letters, sounds and early literacy skills.

Everyday Mathematics provides hands-on math-readiness skills.

Heidi Songs is a multi-sensory method used to aid children in letter and shape identification.

Minds in Motion is a physical movement program that stimulates a child's visual and auditory processing, as well as motor skills.

A Day in the Life

Prayer

Each day includes prayer.

Welcome

Teachers greet every child with an energized and loving welcome, setting the tone for a positive day of growth and learning.

Free Play

Open play time encourages socialization, self-exploration and community building.

Guided Learning

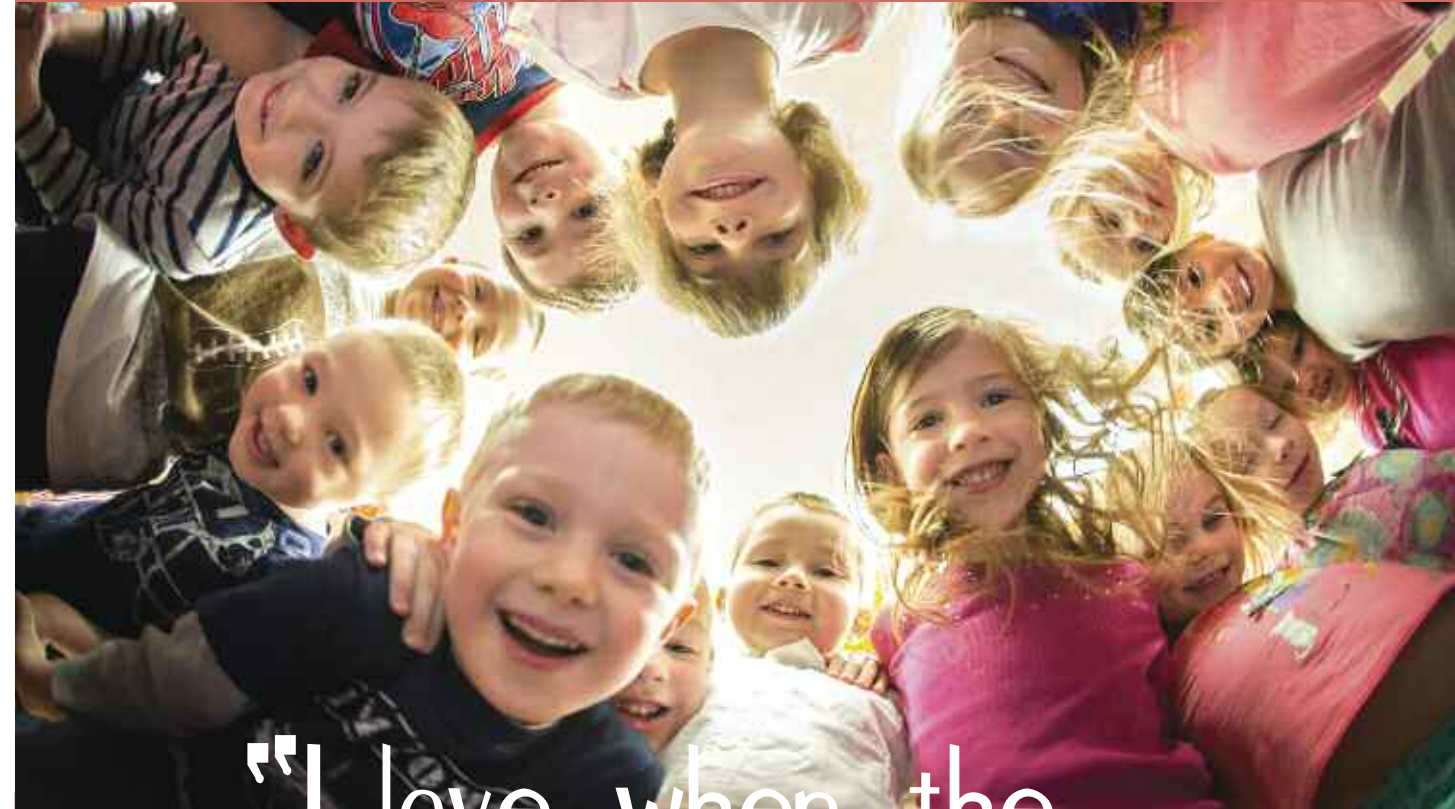
Weekly theme-based units integrate literature, math, science and social studies activities.

Humanities

Students regularly participate in humanities activities including religion, music and library visits.

Gross and Fine Motor Movement

Students have multiple opportunities in the classroom, on the playground and in the gym to develop coordination, dexterity, and small and large muscle groups.



“I love when the students first come through the door. Their faces are so full of anticipation.”

Little Lions Preschool Teacher

Classroom Environment

The classroom environment allows each child to feel safe and confident. Classrooms are well-equipped with educational toys, theme-centered areas of play and child-friendly furniture. Each classroom has a private bathroom. The preschool area is locked during the school day.

The staff/child ratio meets or exceeds the standards set by the Indiana Department of Education and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).



The Bridge to the Future

The instructional methods incorporated into the Little Lions curriculum are also used in the kindergarten program at Saint Pius. Students are familiarized with the approach in preschool, and

demonstrate confidence in learning as they continue in kindergarten at Saint Pius. Students visit the Parish Education Center on a regular basis to participate in special activities such as library and music.

Parents as Partners

Parents are the first and most important people in a child's life. We recognize education as a partnership between the home and the school, encompassing the total well-being of the child. Teachers maintain an open line of communication with parents, providing updates on

student progress and growth through conferences, formal and informal evaluation, newsletters, email and correspondence. Teachers value parent involvement and offer a variety of opportunities for parent interaction in the classroom.

“There is such a sense of belonging for both the children and the families.”

Little Lions
Preschool Parent



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Children are
preschoolers for
only a moment;
a moment we
embrace and celebrate.



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