

Little Lions Preschool



2018-2019 Preschool Information

Philosophy

Little Lions – Saint Pius X Catholic Preschool is a community in which children, learning and ideas are nurtured and celebrated by providing quality early childhood educational experiences that reflect the importance of integrating our Catholic faith into daily life. Our developmentally-appropriate curriculum fosters spiritual, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of the whole child in a comfortable and stimulating environment.

Preschool Faculty

Saint Pius X Catholic Preschool teachers are qualified in early childhood education and/or have extensive practical experience working with young children. The staff/child ratios at Saint Pius X Preschool meet or exceed the standards set by the Indiana Department of Education.

Age Group	Staff/Child Ratio	Maximum Class Size
3 year old	1:8	16
4 year old	1:10	20
4/5 year old	1:10	20



Program and Curriculum Goals

At Saint Pius X, we structure age-appropriate experiences in a Catholic environment that further enhances and facilitates the growth and development of each child. We strive to:

- Integrate the Catholic faith in all learning experiences to enhance spiritual, social, and emotional development.
- Teach children to model Christian behavior in every aspect of their lives and provide a sense of self-worth as one of God's children.
- Strive to build characteristics of successful learners by developing social and self-help skills through peer group interactions that practice cooperation, sharing, and making friends.
- Foster an understanding of how to succeed in a classroom environment by guiding children to follow simple directions and classroom rules, respect teachers, others and self, and maintain attention span.
- Embrace the natural learning process through curiosity and enthusiasm inherent in all young children through a variety of learning experiences including children's literature, arts and crafts, learning centers, music, movement, creative dramatics and free play.
- Educate children from the beginning stages of social and emotional development progressing through the development of kindergarten-readiness skills.
- Integrate literacy learning and skills from all academic subject areas including math, science, social studies, music and fine arts into each study.
- Encourage individual expression through language development and creativity.
- Model a cooperative and supportive partnership between children, teachers, and parents, establishing a positive connection between home and school.

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Unique Features of Little Lions

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

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program provides weekly experiences for children to learn about different aspects of liturgy and scripture using an age-appropriate, hands-on approach modeling the Montessori philosophy.

Wilson Foundations provides children with a foundation for reading in a structured, sequential, and cumulative phonics program using multisensory teaching techniques.

Everyday Mathematics is a comprehensive mathematics curriculum developed by the University of Chicago School Mathematics Project. The preschool component provides hands-on math-readiness skills.

Handwriting Without Tears is a multi-sensory handwriting program that follows a research-based sequence for introducing letters. The variety of developmentally appropriate activities helps engage students in forming good writing habits from the start.

Minds in Motion is a program designed to stimulate a child's visual and auditory processing, as well as, motor skills to enhance the educational experience that results in a better integrated and balanced child. Little Lions teachers are trained in the effective implementation of this program.

Music-Specialized weekly instruction in music is provided by a licensed music educator.



Schedule

Little Lions Preschool offers a morning session from 7:55-11:00 a.m. and an afternoon session from 12:00-3:00 p.m. for each class in the early childhood program.

Class	Days and Times
3 year old <i>(must be 3 by 8/1 & toilet trained)</i>	Tuesday, Friday
4 year old - 3 day program <i>(must be 4 by 9/1 & toilet trained)</i>	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
4 year old - optional 4th day	Friday
4/5 year old <i>(must be 4 by 12/31 & toilet trained)</i>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Tuition and Enrollment

Class	Parishioner (per child)	Non-parishioner (per child)
3 year old	\$1,450	\$1,625
4 year old <i>3 day program</i>	\$1,750	\$1,950
4 year old <i>4 day program</i>	\$2,100	\$2,375
4/5 year old	\$2,100	\$2,375

To enroll your child in one of the above programs, please complete an Enrollment Form and indicate which program you are enrolling your student. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$125 per child due upon enrollment. Please include a copy of your child's birth certificate with the Enrollment Form.

