

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Three and four year old children are enrolled in the same class, and participate in a Montessori program. The philosophy of Montessori education is to support students in their natural development of mind, body and soul.

Both Montessori and Classical education seek to allow students to behold the truth, goodness and beauty in the world as revealed to mankind through the Incarnation.

The Montessori Method principles:

- Respect for each child
- Freedom and independence for each child
- Intrinsic motivation
- Practicing concentration

Using a curriculum created to complement the Kindergarten curriculum, the Pre-K students will be learning skills in the areas of practical life skills, math, language, geography, science.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

8:45 - 9:00

Circle Time: We talk about the calendar, weather, saint and feast days, do show and tell, memorize poems, learn songs, etc.

9:00 - 11:00

The children are shown presentations, "new work", and have time to practice them as well as time to repeat other work they have been shown. Children learn "how to prepare a snack". Every day a healthy snack will be provided by the school for children to prepare and eat when they are hungry.

11:00

The half day children continue work time, do some large motor activities, and get ready for pick-up. The full day children join the "big kids" in Kattar Hall for lunch; a designated table is set up just for them. We continue to practice our manners and polite dinner conversation during lunch.

11:30

The half day children are dismissed, while the full day children head out for recess.

12:00 - 12:20

The children hang up their outdoor gear, and as a school we pray the Angelus

12:20 - 12:35

The children get ready for rest time.

12:35 - 2:45

Children settle in on their resting mats while the rosary is prayed aloud. When children are done resting, they put away their mats, blankets and books, put their shoes back on, and put their folders and lunch boxes back into their backpacks. The children are then free to choose to work, have a snack, or read.

2:45

The children clean up and are ready for dismissal at 3:00

TRUTH GOODNESS BEAUTY

The timeless qualities of a Catholic, classical education

PRE-KINDERGARTEN OPTIONS

There are four options for Pre-Kindergarten:

- 5 Day all day
 - Monday – Friday, 8:45 – 3:00
- 3 Day all day
 - Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:45 – 3:00
- 5 Day ½ day
 - Monday – Friday, 8:45 – 11:30
- 3 Day ½ day
 - Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:45 – 11:30

Students enrolled in the ½ day options leave prior to the students eating lunch.

Parents may choose to increase their child's attendance from ½ day to full day, or 3 day to 5 day, at any time during the year. Tuition will be pro-rated accordingly.

The Montessori approach works best when students attend 5 days per week, for 1/2 day. This option allows the students to be in a similar routine and affords the best chance for consistent, substantive progress.

The learning opportunities for students who enroll 3 days per week, for 1/2 day are still considerable; as they are for students who attend all day.

We balance these options, always keeping in mind that we work with families to ensure that our programs fit their needs.

Students must be at least 3 years old by September 1 to enroll in Pre-Kindergarten.

Students must be 5 years old by September 1 to enroll in Kindergarten.