

## **GOALS AND PHILOSOPHY**

Preschool is an important step for your child. Nativity provides valuable learning experiences while preparing your child for kindergarten. Our goal is to enhance your child's growth through fun and stimulating educational activities. By the time your child enters Kindergarten he/she will experience the following skills.

## **PRE-READING AND LANGUAGE**

Understanding the foundations of languages prepares your child for more formal skills.

- Name Recognition
- Vocabulary Enrichment
- Following Directions
- Interest and Care of Books
- Listening Skills
- Visual Discrimination
- Dramatization and Verbalization
- Classification and Labeling
- Auditory Discrimination
- Letter Recognition

## **NUMBER DEVELOPMENT**

Using actual objects help your child relate the abstract to the concrete.

- Colors
- Shapes
- Calendar
- Number Recognition
- 1 to 1 Correspondence
- Sets
- Matching
- Serializing
- Patterns
- Counting

- Ordinal Position

## **FINE MOTOR DEVELOPMENT**

Refining small motor skills helps your child progress to more challenging tasks.

- Cutting
- Stringing
- Puzzles
- Lacing
- Folding
- Dipping and Pouring
- Snapping, Buttoning, and Zipping
- Tearing
- Stacking
- Printing Names
- Drawing

## **LARGE MOTOR SKILLS**

Coordinating the large muscles of the body is the purpose of our gym classes.

- Creative Movement
- Catching and Throwing
- Skills Development
- Balance Beam

## **ART DEVELOPMENT**

Art projects allow your child to create with colors, shapes, and many forms of art media.

- Free Expression
- Arts and Crafts

## **MUSIC DEVELOPMENT**

Creative musical experiences as well as singing enhance a child's self concept and the world around us.

- Listening
- Singing
- Rhythm and Movement

- Instruments

## **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Relating to friends at school helps your child understand and respect everyone.

- Self Confidence
- Body Awareness
- Home and Family
- Making Friends
- Sharing and Taking Turns
- Independence
- Responsibility
- Respect for Others
- Problem Solving
- Increasing Attention Span
- Manners
- Values
- Cooperation

## **COOKING**

This general skills activity is enjoyed by all, including the tasting of the wonderful creations.

- Following Directions
- Measuring
- Manners, Safety, and Hygiene
- Sensory Awareness
- Science

## **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

Exposing your child to the spiritual concepts helps in the understanding that everyone has a special place in God's plan.

- Bible
- God / Jesus / Holy Spirit
- Self / Others
- Home and Family
- Natural World

### STUDY TRIPS AND VISITORS

Study Trips will be scheduled at the beginning of the year. Community guest speakers visit throughout the year.



### GENERAL POLICIES

**Illness:** Please do not send your child to school for 24 hours after a fever over 99 degrees, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, or severe cough. If your child becomes ill at school, we will call you. If your child has a communicable disease, inform the school at once so the parents of exposed children can be alerted.

**Snow Days:** Early Childhood Center, Child Care & Extended Care are canceled if **Nativity of Mary School** is announced as closed or call our School office 353-0284. We also have an automated phone system that will alert you by phone.

**Conferences:** A conference to get acquainted will be held the first week of school for each parent and child. Progress Conferences will be scheduled. Exit Conferences are in May. Always feel free to talk to your teacher or Director of the Early Childhood Center.

**Newsletters:** A weekly newsletter will be sent home to keep you informed of the scheduled programs and activities. Please read these newsletters carefully.

### CLASS TIMES

Morning Classes - 7:50 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
School Day - 7:50 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
Full Day - 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Program runs mid August thru May.

*Child must be 3 or 4 years old by Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**3 YEAR OLDS** - 10:1 child/teacher ratio  
A 2 day morning program is \$180.00 per month, 3 day morning program is \$215.00 per month, payable by the first of each month.  
School-day 2 day program is \$85.00 per wk.  
Full-day 2 day program is \$115.00 per week.  
School-day 3 day program is \$105.00 per wk.  
Full-day 3 day program is \$150.00 per week.  
School-day 5 day program is \$155.00 per wk.  
Full-day 5 day program is \$185.00 per week.

**4 YEAR OLDS** - 10:1 child/teacher ratio  
A 3 day morning program is \$205.00 per month, payable by the first of each month.  
School-day 3 day program is \$95.00 per wk.  
Full-day 3 day program is \$145.00 per week.  
School-day 5 day program is \$145.00 per wk.  
Full-day 5 day program is \$180.00 per week.

### ENROLLMENT FEE

Enrollment fee is \$110.00 per student. These fees are used to provide basic supplies. Please enclose this non-refundable fee with the enrollment application, tuition contract, health form, Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate to assure your child's placement at Nativity Early Childhood Center. We place students on a first come, first served basis.



*“Our attitude must be Christ’s”  
Philippians 2:5*

## *Nativity of Mary Early Childhood Center*

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Nativity of Mary School is pleased to introduce you to our Early Childhood Center. Our overall objective is to provide high-quality early childhood education along with a Christian perspective from which your child views life. Our staff to student ratio enables your child to have a flexible, creative learning experience using equipment designed to further their educational and physical development.

*Nativity Early Childhood is a member of the Christian Preschool Association.*

