



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

MISSION

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROVIDES A FAITH-CENTERED CATHOLIC EDUCATION THAT DEVELOPS EVERY CHILD IN THEIR GOD-GIVEN GIFTS, FORMS LIFE-LONG LEARNERS, PROMOTES ACADEMIC AND MORAL EXCELLENCE, AND BUILDS STRONG PILLARS AND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

TODDLERS: 2 YRS. OLD BY SEPTEMBER 1ST

PRESCHOOL: 3 YRS. OLD & POTTY TRAINED BY SEPTEMBER 1ST

PRE-K: 4 YRS. OLD AND POTTY TRAINED BY SEPTEMBER 1ST

SCHOOL YEAR

ALL ELC CLASSES ARE IN SESSION SEPTEMBER THROUGH JUNE, FOLLOWING THE SJB SCHOOL ACADEMIC CALENDAR.

CLASS SIZE

TODDLERS: 5:1

PRESCHOOL AND PRE-K: 10:1



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ELC FAQs

What activities do the children participate in?

We pair predictable routines with ample opportunities for free choice play. This allows children to practice individual decision making, and gives them the opportunity to learn in a way that excites them. We offer both teacher guided as well as individual activities that provide the opportunity for science and sensory exploration, ample exposure to math and literacy concepts, social-emotional learning, and foundational Catholic teachings and Bible stories.

All classes participate in a large group, teacher-led carpet time each day, during which we read stories as a group, sing songs, participate in movement activities, or practice in targeted learning skills together.

Our pre-kindergarten class also has small group time multiple times each week, during which the teacher works with 4-5 children on targeted kindergarten readiness skills such as letter recognition, story comprehension, handwriting, pattern recognition, sorting and classifying, number sense and recognition, and more.

How much outside time do the children get?

We strive to give children an hour of outdoor play each day. Every class has a one hour block of time in the ELC playground each morning. All children are expected to keep rain boots at school, and bring weather appropriate jackets, as we often go outside, even in the rain. When the weather is nice, classes will often spend second block of time on the playground in the afternoons. Once a week, the preschool and pre-k classes get to walk across the street to the "big playground" (the K-8 playground) together as well.

Snacks & Lunches

Families provide snacks and lunches for their children. The ELC does not participate in the school's hot lunch program at this time, but we do serve milk during lunch. Snacks and lunches are expected to provide the children with a variety of nutritious foods. We are an allergy aware program, and if we have students with severe anaphylactic reactions to any foods, we may maintain a nut free classroom or program for the duration of the school year.

How long is rest time?

Classrooms have lights out for anywhere between 1.5 - 2 hrs, depending on how many children are sleeping. All children bring their own blanket and pillow, and those who do not sleep are offered quiet toys or activities.