

## ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL CLASS DESCRIPTIONS for 2020-21

### **M-TH 4s 9:30-noon (\$299/month) -- 4 by 9/1/20**

Class of 10 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant.

This five day program is designed for the child in their last year of preschool before kindergarten or for the child who may need an extra year of preparation before making the transition to kindergarten. Curriculum, lessons, and goals align to the benchmarks of the Illinois Early Learning Standards and focus on kindergarten readiness.

The five day 4s will learn letter recognition, develop writing skills, and be introduced to basic sight words. The print rich setting and literature based lessons will provide a strong literacy foundation as children develop a love for stories and reading. Math instruction will include counting, number recognition, reasoning, and problem solving skills. Science, social studies, and foreign language concepts are explored through thematic units. The daily routine will include Bible stories, manners, sign language and fine and gross motor development.

Once a month, the class will participate in chapel chats in the sanctuary with our pastor and story time with the St. Charles Library. Students will also receive twice monthly music enrichment through B-Sharp Music. Two to three field trips are taken during the school year. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom and accompany the class on field trips.

### **M-Th 4s 9-11:30 (\$299/month) -- 4 by 9/1/20**

Class of 10 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant.

This four day program is designed for the child in their last year of preschool before kindergarten or for the child who may need an extra year of preparation before making the transition to kindergarten. Curriculum, lessons, and goals align to the benchmarks of the Illinois Early Learning Standards and focus on kindergarten readiness.

The four day 4s will learn letter recognition, develop writing skills, and be introduced to basic sight words. The print rich setting and literature based lessons will provide a strong literacy foundation as children develop a love for stories and reading. Math instruction will include counting, number recognition, reasoning, and problem solving skills. Science, social studies, and foreign language concepts are explored through thematic units. The daily routine will include Bible stories, manners, sign language and fine and gross motor development.

Once a month, the class will participate in chapel chats in the sanctuary with our pastor and story time with the St. Charles Library. Students will also receive twice monthly music enrichment through B-Sharp Music. Two to three field trips are taken during the school year. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom and accompany the class on field trips.

**MWF 4s 9:15-11:45 (\$240/month) -- 4 by 9/1/20**

Class of 14 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant.

This three day a week, three hour class is designed for children in their last year of preschool before kindergarten. Curriculum and lessons align to the Illinois Early Learning Standards. This class focuses on the development of self-help, listening, language, writing, number sense, problem solving, group participation, and creative art skills with a goal of kindergarten readiness.

Your child will learn literacy skills such as upper and lower case letter recognition and the sounds they represent. They will be introduced to basic sight words and use critical thinking skills to help make predictions and re-tell stories. In math, the focus will be helping your child develop an understanding of numbers, measurement, estimation and graphing to help solve problems.

Once a month, the class will participate in chapel chats in our sanctuary with pastor and story time with the St Charles Library. They will also receive twice monthly music enrichment through B-Sharp Music. Two to three field trips are taken during the school year. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom, accompany the class on field trips, and take part in the reader parent program.

**TTH 3s 9:15-11:45 (\$165/month) (3 by 9/1/20) and must be potty trained.**

Class of up to 12 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant.

This two day a week, three hour class is appropriate for those children who have not been in the preschool before or for those parents who prefer two days a week for their child. Lessons plans are focused on helping students become problem solvers and develop a love of learning. Children will participate in independent exploration and structured activities with many hands-on learning opportunities.

The class centers on a thematic approach that introduces children to alphabet letters using developmentally appropriate, multisensory activities and "Animal Island" phonics curriculum. Math activities include classification, sorting, ordering, counting, shape recognition, and numeral recognition. Language arts, math, science, social studies, religion, art, and music make up the curriculum which aligns with Illinois Early Learning Standards. Self-help, communication, and social skills will also be emphasized.

Once a month, the class will attend chapel chats in the sanctuary with our pastor and participate in story time with the St. Charles Library. They will also receive music instruction twice monthly with B-Sharp Music. An end of the year field trip is taken to Wheeler Park in Geneva where the whole family is invited.

**TTHF 3s 8:45-11:15 (3 by 9/1/20) and must be potty trained.**

Class of up to 10 students with 1 teacher and 1 teacher assistant.

This three day a week, three hour class is appropriate for those children who are ready for a three day option. Lesson plans are focused on helping students become problem solvers and develop a love of learning. Children will participate in independent exploration and structured activities with many hands-on learning opportunities.

The class centers on a thematic approach that introduces children to alphabet letters using developmentally appropriate, multisensory activities and "Animal Island" phonics curriculum. Math activities include classification, sorting, ordering, counting, shape recognition, and numeral recognition. Language arts, math, science, social studies, religion, art, and music make up the curriculum which aligns with Illinois Early Learning Standards. Self-help, communication, and social skills will also be emphasized.

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