



Welcome to PreK-4!

Hi! My name is Mrs. McElwain and I am very excited to be your teacher this year! I have a lot of fun activities planned and I can't wait to start our year together. I know you will love Prek-4.

About me

I have been teaching for over 20 years and this is my fifth year at Blessed Sacrament School. I have my Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education and a Rhode Island teaching certificate.

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Blessed Sacrament Preschool! We are looking forward to an exciting year in our program of learning, challenges and fun filled activities for your children. Following is information that we hope will help make the first days of school an easy and smooth transition as we begin the 2019-2020 school year.

*Children in the Preschool Program should bring **one snack and drink for the morning break, one snack and drink for the afternoon break and a lunch.** The option of ordering lunch through the Providence school lunch program is also available. Forms for that option will be sent home separately. Milk is provided by the school for all children during lunch.

*Students will also need to bring in a crib size light weight blanket (no larger than 46"x60")for their afternoon rest time. These may be sent in during the first week of classes and will remain at school.

* We have also found that a regular size backpack, in addition to a lunch box, helps to keep school belongings, "projects" and notices together in an organized manner. Please be sure to go through your child's backpack after each school day.

*Please label all items worn or brought to school with your child's name in permanent ink.

***Please be sure to advise us if your child is allergic to any foods, has any medical or health issues we should be aware of immediately.**

*Bag labeled with your child's name with extra set of clothes (pants, shirt, underwear, socks).

Arrival Procedures

All students should enter the building through the school yard entrance. You may walk your child to the classroom beginning at 8:00.

Dismissal Procedures

Preschool students are dismissed from the classroom at 2:30 p.m.

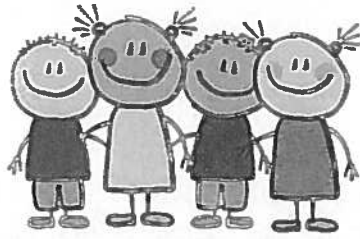
A **Dismissal Permission Form** will be sent home with your child the first day of school. It is essential that it be completed and signed by each of the people authorized by you to pick up your child from school, signed by a parent and returned to school promptly.

For the first days, before that form is received, a note from you will be required stating the name of the person other than you who will be picking up your child. That person will need photo identification with them in order to release your child from school. No exceptions will be made.

*****If you are late picking up your child at 2:30, he/she will be brought to after school daycare and be signed in until your arrival*****

Donations of paper towels, tissues, disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer are always welcome.

In closing, please know that we are always available to answer your questions and discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child. Let's work together to have our preschool children develop happy, positive and secure feelings about their first school experience. Thank you for choosing Blessed Sacrament School!



Preschool

Blessed Sacrament Preschool is a thematic based program for children 3-5 years old. All subjects are introduced using hands-on activities presented in both large and small groups in readiness for kindergarten.

We offer a fun, challenging and hands-on curriculum for 3-5 year olds. One of our major goals is for our preschoolers to experience a happy, secure and positive attitude while in our program, and provide a firm first step in each student's educational journey.

WHAT DO WE DO IN PRESCHOOL ?

Religion is an integral part of our Blessed Sacrament Preschool Program. We discuss God's gift of people, belonging to a group and loving and helping one another. Our religion program offers a sound foundation upon which to build our relationship with God.

Circle time is a group gathering at the start of the day designed to share ideas. Circle activities are designed to stimulate youngsters' thinking, enrich their social skills and expand their attention spans.

Gross motor activities give children the opportunity to use their muscles - as well as their imaginations - as they engage in fun, healthy exercises, such as running, jumping, ball handling and games!

Fine motor activities help improve small muscle development and eye-hand coordination. Some common skill builders include working with puzzles, pencils, brushes, crayons and scissors. Letter, word and name printing is also encouraged during this time.

Literacy activities provide a fun way to teach alphabet knowledge, phonological/ phonemic awareness and print awareness.

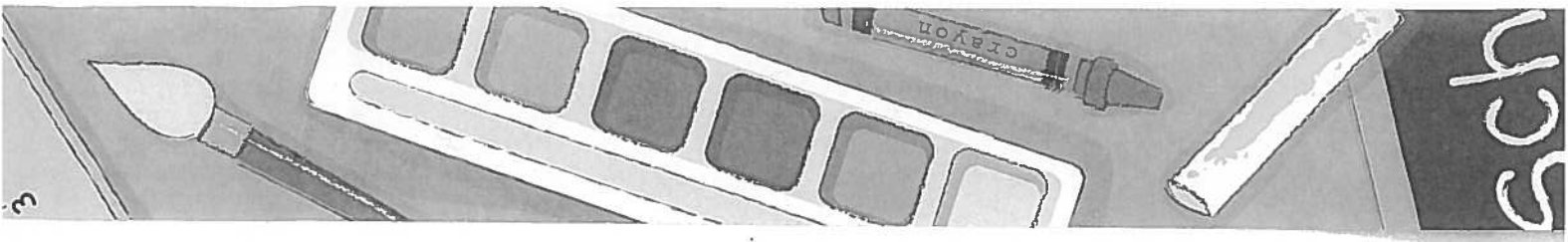
Math activities include numeral recognition, basic math concepts such as amount, sequence, patterns, graphing and simple addition equations. We encourage problem solving and critical thinking skills with our activities in this area.

Art activities help students creatively express their thoughts and feelings. They help reinforce fine motor skills and concept development in areas such as colors, shapes, size and spatial relationships.

Music activities promote a child's listening skills, creative expression and social skills. In music, children can explore sound, volume, tempo and rhythm.

Dramatic play activities help children express themselves, practice life skills, improve social skills, increase self-esteem, build vocabulary and solve problems.

Story time is designed to help youngsters develop an appreciation and enjoyment of literature. Reading activities in the classroom and library enhance children's vocabulary, comprehension skills, attention span, knowledge base, and to develop an appreciation of the written word.



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Supply List

Full size backpack (labeled with child's name)

1 folder (labeled with child's name)

Lunchbox (labeled with child's name)

Small blanket (no larger than 46"x60")

Bag (labeled with child's name) with extra set of clothing. (pants, shirt, underwear and socks)

1 box facial tissues

1 container of disinfecting wipes

1 bottle hand sanitizer (10 oz.)

1 paper towel roll

1 box ziploc storage bags (any size)

4 Elmer's glue sticks

THANK YOU!

Pertinent Social Information on Child

"History of Child"

Date _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Nickname: _____

Brothers: _____ Ages: _____

Sisters: _____ Ages: _____

Preschool Child Information

Parent/Guardians Names _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____ Cell# _____

Email Address _____

To help us be more sensitive to your child's family structure, please check:

Child lives with:

_____ Both Parents

_____ Parent & Step Parent

_____ Single Mom/Dad

_____ Foster Parent

_____ Other _____

Child's likes: _____

Child's dislikes: _____

Allergies: _____

Who will normally pick your child up from school: _____

Will your child be going to extended care: M___T___W___TH___F___

Parent/Guardian Signature:

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