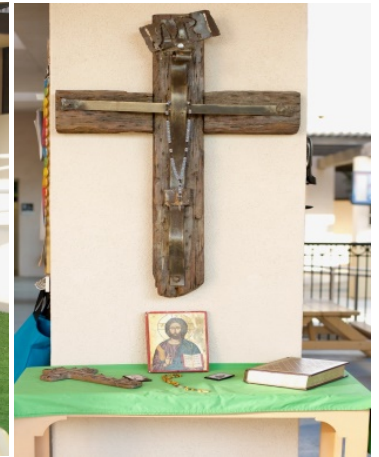




PRESCHOOL & TODDLER PROGRAMS at St. Thomas Preschool

Teaching preschoolers and toddlers presents challenges that are unique in many ways. As children enter school, they come with varying degrees of readiness, and their parents come with varied expectations of what will be accomplished in a year. That is why we have designed a program that is developmentally appropriate for the children in our classrooms.



Why We're Unique

A Balanced Approach to Learning and Play

St. Thomas Preschool is a premier early childhood education program that incorporates the teachings of the Catholic Church into our daily lesson plan and classroom routines. We believe that children are a gift from God and that early education should be relevant, meaningful, and fun!

Nurturing the Whole Child

St. Thomas Preschool takes a whole-child approach to early childhood education. Teachers, administrators, and support staff work together to meet the intellectual, social, behavioral, and emotional needs of each and every child we serve. We want children to be confident, express themselves, have good critical thinking skills, make good choices, experience a variety of art, music, religion, and math, develop friendships, and practice their love for God.

The Preschool Program

Preschool classes are available for children 3 to 4 years of age. Whether your child has been with us already, or is just joining us for their first preschool experience, St. Thomas Preschool will bridge that gap between your stay at home days and school days. Your fast changing 3 year old will be trying to show off their independence. While they do this, we will be helping them to hone appropriate social and emotional communication skills, to practice more complex problem solving skills, and to acquire basic cognitive principles such as name, letter, and number recognition.

The Toddler Program

Toddler classes are available for children 2 to 3 years of age. St. Thomas Preschool is a great place for your child to develop social skills and reach their early childhood milestones. Your curious toddler will enjoy a variety of structured but playful activities that focus on community building and sharing. In addition, children will be working on building a robust vocabulary and recognizing their budding self-help skills.



Our Preschool and Toddler Curriculum

Religion

Our religious belief is for every child to develop a unique relationship with God. Children need to experience God's love everyday through celebrations, prayer, biblical stories, music, and a sense of community. We will encourage children to live as Christians in every aspect of their life.

Cognitive Development

- Demonstrate positive approaches to learning
- Remember and connects experiences
- Use classification skills
- Understand symbols and images to represent something not present

Social Emotional and Physical Development

- Regulate own emotions and behaviors
- Establish and sustain positive relationships
- Participate cooperatively and constructively in group situations
- Demonstrate awareness of self and others
- Express feelings, thoughts, impulses, and behaviors
- Recognize feelings of others
- Demonstrate fine motor strength and coordination

Language Arts

- Listen to and understand increasingly complex language and receptive language
- Use language to express thoughts and needs
- Demonstrate appropriate conversational and other communication skills

Literacy

- Recognize letters of the alphabet
- Gain exposure to phonological awareness
- Demonstrate knowledge of print and its uses
- Comprehend and respond to books and other text
- Develop emergent writing skills

Mathematics

- Use number concepts, counting symbols, and numeric quantities
- Explore and describe a show relationships and shapes
- Compare and measure
- Demonstrate knowledge of pattern

Dual-Language Instruction

- Explore language and culture through fun whole language instruction
- Participate in a weekly enrichment lesson in Spanish



A Day in the Life of a Preschooler

7:30 am	Early Care
8:50 am	Morning Circle
9:15 am	Outside Play
10:00 am	Snack
10:30 am	Religion
10:45 am	Centers/Free Choice
11:45 am	Closing Circle
12:00 pm	Dismissal/Lunch
12:30 pm	Nap/Free Choice
1:40 pm	End of Day Circle
2:00pm	Dismissal/After Care

A Day in the Life of a Toddler

7:30 am	Early Care
8:50 am	Morning Choices
9:10 am	Circle Time
9:25 am	Snack
9:35 am	Carpet Choices
9:45 am	Outside Play
10:30 pm	Centers
11:40 pm	Religion/Movement & Music/Mail
12:00 pm	Dismissal/Lunch
12:30 pm	Nap
2:00pm	Dismissal/After Care

**Early childhood education is more than a beginning.
At St. Thomas Preschool, it's a foundation!**



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