

## A child ready for Pre-Kindergarten is one who...

1. Speaks in an understandable manner
2. Follows simple directions
3. Can separate from parents
4. Toilets independently
5. Focuses on activities and story time

## Pre-Kindergarten Class Options:

Monday through Friday

Morning Class: 8:20-11:15a.m.

Afternoon Class: 12:15-3:00p.m.



## Pre-Kindergarten Enrichment Program:

The St. Charles Enrichment Program offers students enrolled in the Pre-Kindergarten classes an opportunity to enhance their learning with an Enrichment class. This class provides a fun, relaxed environment for children to learn, play, and create. The daily schedule incorporates both structured and unstructured activities providing time for hands on learning, play, and social growth.

Students may attend the Enrichment Program on a part-time (3 days per week) or full-time (5 days a week) basis for additional fees.

All students that need further care may attend our Before School Care program which runs from 7:00-8:00 am or our after school Educare Program which runs from 3:00-6:00 pm for additional fees.

## How do we apply for the Pre-Kindergarten program?

If you are interested in the St. Charles Borromeo Pre-Kindergarten program, applications are available in the school's front office or can be downloaded from the school website:

[www.stcharlesb.org](http://www.stcharlesb.org)

**If you have questions, please call the school office**

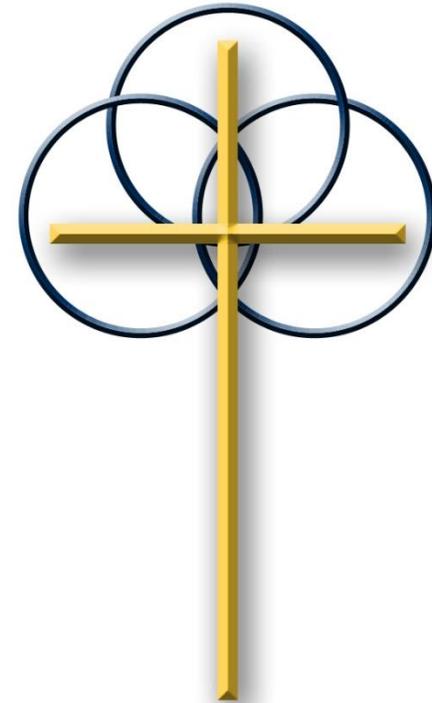
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# Pre-Kindergarten

## St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School



### Our Mission:

**"Inspired by Christ, our common vision at St. Charles is to prepare students to be responsible individuals with traditional Catholic values and a life-long love of learning. As a ministry of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, we provide opportunities for academic and spiritual growth within a secure and supportive environment in partnership with parents, parish, and community."**

In recognizing the significance of the early years, our Pre-Kindergarten program works to provide a high-quality, developmentally appropriate, early childhood experience. These experiences help to produce short and long-term positive effects on the children's cognitive, social and faith development.

### **Accreditation-**

St. Charles Borromeo is accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association.

### **Religion-**

Faith formation is incorporated into the daily routine of the Pre-Kindergarten classroom. Each school day begins and ends with prayer helping the children to become familiar with standard prayers. In addition, the liturgical seasons play a key part in the daily and monthly themes. The Pre-Kindergarten classes attend all-school Masses and Prayer services.



### **Literacy Skills-**

Because language and literacy skills are essential to success in school and life, supporting language, communication, and literacy are primary goals of our Pre-Kindergarten instruction. Skills and concepts that are developed are: print awareness, constructing meaning when responding to a story, development of oral language skills, and phonemic awareness.

### **Science and Technology-**

Exploration, investigation and observation are foundational to the Pre-Kindergarten science curriculum. Our students engage in exploring the natural world by manipulating objects, asking questions, making predictions, and developing generalizations. In addition, activities such as charting the weather and noting changes of the seasons further enhance the development of scientific thinking.

### **Mathematics-**

In Pre-Kindergarten, concepts are built into the daily routine and activities are planned that reinforce early mathematical skills. Children begin to demonstrate knowledge of numbers and counting, an understanding of patterns and predictability, as well as the ability to describe and categorize manipulatives. These early math experiences lay the foundation for abstract mathematical thinking in our later grades.

### **Social Skills-**

By nature children are social beings. Throughout all phases of life, we interact with one another. Providing opportunities that enhance our Pre-Kindergarten children's social and emotional growth and development is an essential component of our daily schedule. With guidance our Pre-Kindergarten children develop the skills to cooperate, negotiate, lead and follow, be a friend, and express feelings in a socially appropriate manner. Our Pre-Kindergarten class is a social community where children are provided ongoing opportunities to interact successfully with both adults and peers.

### **Motor Skills-**

Fine, gross, and sensory motor skills are developed through activities that increase both the strength and coordination of all the muscle groups. Children are encouraged to use art supplies such as pencils, crayons, scissors and glue. Fine motor skills are further supported through the use of table manipulatives such as puzzles, stringing beads, and lacing cards. Gross motor skills are developed through activities such as running, climbing, playing ball at recess, as well as through building with large blocks in the classroom.

### **Specialist Times-**

Pre-Kindergarten at St. Charles Borromeo provides each child the opportunity to participate in classes such as music, physical education and Library. We believe in educating the whole child through both academic and social activities that enhance maturity and independence.

### **Why choose St. Charles...**

Inherent in all that takes place in Pre-Kindergarten is the sense that all learning is interrelated; therefore all lessons build on previous knowledge and work toward advancing development. The guiding principle in all decisions is our faith. We aspire to bring all factors together to provide a safe and nurturing classroom that enriches, directs and inspires our children.