

ST. MARK PRESCHOOL

2012 – 2013

Non-Discriminatory Policy: St. Mark Preschool admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs.

***ST. MARK PRESCHOOL, PRIOR TO ADMISSION OF ANY CHILD, REQUIRES EVIDENCE THAT THE CHILD HAS RECEIVED ALL REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS. ST. MARK PRESCHOOL DOES NOT ACCEPT NON-IMMUNIZED CHILDREN INTO THE PRESCHOOL.**

Objectives: Learning is a natural process in the proper environment. At St. Mark, we try to provide a stimulating, happy Christian atmosphere in which each child can learn and develop as freely and creatively as possible. We place special emphasis on making each child feel accepted and comfortable in the school situation. Enrollment is open to children two and one-half through five years of age.

Each child is given the opportunity to:

- ❑ Explore and discover his/her enlarging world in a happy, unpressured atmosphere.
- ❑ Learn to get along with others.
- ❑ Develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually.
- ❑ Acquire skills and “learn to learn”.
- ❑ Create and communicate.
- ❑ Experience joy and beauty.

Program: A typical day at St. Mark includes a generous amount of “center time,” during which a child can explore, discover, touch, create, pretend and relate to other children. Outdoor play is an important part of our program. Activities in which each class participates as a whole include singing, rhythms, dancing, “talk-time,” dramatizations, story time, counting games and many other art projects. There is also a midmorning snack, which is provided by the school.

Activities are planned to follow good principles of child growth and development. The teachers follow as a skeletal model *The Creative Curriculum* by Diane Dodge.

The basic areas covered during the year include:

Communication and Language Development - auditory discrimination, listening, speaking, dramatizations, stories, letters, beginning phonics

Science – nature study, simple geography, space, simple chemistry

Mathematics – numbers, counting shapes, reasoning, classification, patterning

Social Studies – self-concept development, family, community, world

Music – appreciation, rhythm, singing, dancing, rhythm band

Art – color recognition, work with different materials, creative expression, appreciation, experimentation

Physical Education – outdoor and indoor play, small and large muscle development, body and dental health and safety

Staff: All staff members are required to have a college degree and are professional teachers with experience.

Schedule: School begins in September (and January for the 2-1/2 yr. old January class) and ends no later than the first week of June. Preschool hours are 9 am to 12 noon daily. There is a summer program if the enrollment for that program is sufficient.

Insurance: School insurance is included in the registration fee and covers school activities.

Immunizations: Your child’s immunization record must be up to date in September as verified by your doctor.

Visiting and Reporting: Individual parent-teacher conferences are scheduled during the year and can be arranged at any time. Parents are also welcome to visit during school hours. We would also encourage any parent to share his or her talents, hobbies or interests with the school.

Classes: A unique feature is our small class size for 3 and 4 year old children. Preschool classes are limited to 10 children with 1 teacher, and the 2½ year old classes have only six children per teacher.

Classes & Age Guidelines:

- ❑ 2 day, 2½ year old (T Th) Age 30 mo. By Sept. 30, 2012 – (2 classes offered)
- ❑ 2 day, 2½ year old (M W) Age 30 mo. By Jan. 30, 2013**
- ❑ 2 day, 3 year old (T Th) age 3 by Sept. 30, 2012
- ❑ 2 day class (T Th) Age 3 and 4 by Sept. 30, 2012
- ❑ 3 day, 3 year old (M W F) Age 3 by Sept. 30, 2012
- ❑ 3 day, 4 year old (M W F) Age 4 by Sept. 30, 2012
- ❑ 5 day, 4 year old (M-F) Age 4 by Sept. 30, 2012

****The January class begins in January, not in September.**

ALL PROSPECTIVE PARENTS
PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY
Ask for clarification if needed.

A registration fee of \$50 (includes insurance) and **ONE MONTH'S TUITION IS DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.** (A tuition fee schedule will be published on a separate flyer). ****Please note: The \$50 registration fee is absolutely NOT refunded** unless we do not have space for your child. The tuition payment will be treated as your payment for the month of May 2013, and will not be refundable after May 15, 2012.

We will send you a letter on June 1, 2012 requesting that you send September 2012 tuition. If that tuition is not received by June 10, 2012, your place in the school for the next year will not be held.

Please note that there is **no refund at all** for the January 2 ½ year class. Information about financial assistance is available upon request.

Registration Policy: Members of St. Mark Church and currently enrolled families who apply during December and January will be given priority in the order in which the registrations are received. Priority parents need only pay \$50 registration. On May 1, 2012, your May 2012/2013 tuition is due. It is also non-refundable after May 15, 2012.



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