

Learning Through "Play"

Young children do not learn in the same manner as older children. Children of this age learn best in an atmosphere of semi-structured "play." Young children learn by actual contact with real objects, events, and people. Children learn by exploring, discovering, repeating, and by continually adapting what they see in daily life. Play is learning, trying, being, and feeling. Children learn many things about themselves, others, and the world through play. They learn concepts, relationships, cause and effect, sizes, colors, textures, feelings, emotions, sensations, sounds, symbols, and language among other things. In this way, we will expose your child to a wide range of subjects.



Simply the Best

Curriculum

Our Lady of Fatima Parish School Preschool Learning Objectives (PLO's) meet and exceed Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and WV State adopted curriculum for Pre-K school settings. The preschool and preschool readiness programs are designed to not only build the skills necessary for children to be successful in kindergarten, but also to develop a strong foundation for lifelong learning. Throughout each week, children will have opportunities for experiences in the following areas:

Religion

Music & Performing Arts

Mathematics

Science

Physical Health

Visual Arts

Social Studies

Social/Emotional Development

Serving God by Serving Others

At Our Lady of Fatima Parish School, we strive at all times to develop young people of character. At the heart of Christian character formation is the understanding that we are all meant to serve God by serving others, especially the least among us. As such, students at all grade levels will participate in age appropriate service projects throughout the year. Through these projects – which would include at the preschool level activities such as craft projects meant to give cheer to ill or otherwise needy people in the tri-state community – students are given the opportunity to practice at a young age the virtue of stewardship and to develop the understanding that we are all called by God to respect and be responsible for our sisters and brothers.

Behavior Management and Discipline Plan

Staff Members:

*Teach by example

*Recognize and encourage acceptable behavior through positive reinforcement, redirection, and natural consequences

*Help a child develop self control to assume responsibility for his or her own actions

*Prepare a child for his or her next activity a few minutes ahead of time to give the child a brief transition time before beginning the new activity

*Help a child feel successful at tasks and provide options if chosen tasks prove to be too difficult

If a behavior challenge arises, the teaching staff will:

*Redirect the child to alternative behavior or other activities;

*Encourage the child to control his or her own behavior, cooperate with others and solve problems by talking this out;

*Speak so that the child understands that feelings are acceptable, but inappropriate behaviors and actions are not;

*If a time-out is needed, the child is within sight and hearing of a staff member and the time-out period is no longer than one minute for each year of a child's age.

Under no circumstances will a child be subjected to any kind of physical punishment.

If a child's inappropriate behavior continues over time, a behavior management plan will be developed with full parental participation in the development of the plan.

Policies to Remember

1. All children must be potty trained before attending school.
2. Children should be dressed suitably for various activities. Although every precaution will be taken to protect clothing, little ones are often messy and have accidents. (Teachers often dress casually for this reason.)
3. We plan to enjoy the outdoors every dry day possible (40° or warmer). Please don't send your child if he or she is unable to go outside. Keep sick children home.
4. Please do not send your child if he/she has: fever, vomiting, diarrhea, a thick or excessive runny nose or ear, undiagnosed skin rash or sore, inflamed or pink eyes.
5. Please notify the school if your child will be absent.

Sample Daily Schedule

8:30 – 9:00	Greetings/Learning Centers
9:00 – 9:10	Calendar/Pledge/Prayer
9:10 – 9:40	Circle/story time
9:40 – 10:10	Snack & Bathroom
10:10 – 10:40	Outdoor Gross Motor Activities
10:40 – 11:10	Arts & crafts
11:15 – 11:30	Preschool & Readiness Dismissal Begin Child Care Activities
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch Activities
12:30 – 1:00	Circle/story time
1:00 – 2:00	Nap/Quiet Activity Time
2:00 – 3:00	Outdoor Gross Motor Activities

Early Arrival

We offer an optional early arrival program from 7:30 until 8:00 each morning in the classroom. There is no fee for this program.

Our Lady of Fatima Child Care

We offer a child care program from 11:15 until 3:15 each day. This program will be a less structured environment (see sample daily schedule), giving your child an opportunity for free play, crafts, rest time, games and computers. The fees for this program are included in the yearly tuition rates for full day programs. For enrolled families who may only need the program on rare occasions, this program is available on an as needed basis for \$10 per use. Extended care beyond 3:15 each day for an additional charge of \$7/day.

Tuition

Preschool and Child Care (4 year old)

Parishioner Tuition	\$2,350
Non-Parishioner Tuition	\$2,950

Preschool Readiness and Child Care (3 year old)

Three-Day Parishioner Tuition	\$1,810
Three-Day Non-Parishioner Tuition	\$2,250

Five-Day Parishioner Tuition	\$2,350
Five-Day Non-Parishioner Tuition	\$2,950

Preschool Only (4 year old)

Parishioner Tuition	\$1,750
Non-Parishioner Tuition	\$2,340

Preschool Readiness Only (3 year old)

Three-Day Parishioner Tuition	\$1,200
Three-Day Non-Parishioner Tuition	\$1,640

Fees

Pre-School Fee	\$130
New Family Fee (if applicable)	\$200
Student Insurance Fee	\$5

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