

## ***Schedule***

All students attend from 9:00am until 11:30am.

### ***Days***

***3 Year Old Preschool:***

Monday/Wednesday

or

Tuesday/Thursday

***4 Year Old Prekindergarten:***

Monday through Thursday

## ***Class Placement and Teacher Request Policy***

The children will be placed by the staff of St. Anthony Preschool based on gender, age, special needs, medical situation, learning styles, and other criteria to create a balanced class. The education and experience of the staff will lead us to doing what is best for each child of the Preschool, therefore **no teacher requests will be taken.** Class lists will be available at Parent Orientation in August. For children new to the preschool, information from the Student Information packet will be used for placement.

## ***Friends of St. Anthony Preschool***

The Friends of St. Anthony Preschool Association is a parent group whose mission is to serve and better the St. Anthony Preschool. All families are automatically members. The Association works with an Executive Board, Fundraising Committee, Family Events Committee, and Community Service Committee. Various activities are planned throughout the year.

## ***Admission, Class Size, and Teacher Qualifications***

Personnel that have been interviewed and approved by the Principal, Pastor, and Joliet Diocesan School Office will teach our Preschool and Prekindergarten students.

Each Preschool class will have a maximum of 12 students with one teacher. An aide will work with each class for half of the school day. Each prekindergarten class will have up to 15 students. An aide will assist the class three days a week.

Following Joliet Diocese Catholic School Policy, all preschoolers must be three years old and prekindergarteners must be four by September 1, 2010.

## ***Registration and Tuition Policies***

Registration is complete once a Student Registration Packet, the \$100.00 (non-refundable) registration fee and a copy of child's Birth and Baptismal Certificates are received by St. Anthony Preschool.

Tuition for the 2009-2010 school year is \$1,420 for Preschool and \$2,470 for Prekindergarten.

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Preschool</u>	<u>Prekindergarten</u>
Annual	\$1,420.00	\$2,470.00
10-Month (Aug.-May)	\$ 142.00	\$ 247.00

The first tuition payment is due August 1, 2010. Tuition may be paid in full on August 1st or you may choose to spread it out over a 10 month plan. All tuition must be paid in full by May 1, 2011. The registration fee is not part of the tuition payment.

In the Spring, there will be a required fundraiser raising a minimum of \$200 per student.

# St. Anthony's Preschool

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## **MISSION**

The St. Anthony Preschool will fulfill the physical, emotional, social, cognitive, and spiritual needs of the children it serves. Based on Catholic beliefs and traditions, the program will provide a quality education that will aid in developing the 'whole child'. St. Anthony Preschool is committed to nurturing the faith of the young child as well as providing developmentally appropriate practices in meeting the needs, interests, and abilities of the children. Children will learn of God's love and of Jesus' everlasting friendship, find a wide variety of learning experiences in all academic areas, and develop a positive feeling about themselves and an excitement toward a lifelong love of learning. St. Anthony Preschool believes in a strong home-school connection with the faculty and parents working together in the success of the child's education.



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## *Classroom Environment*

The St. Anthony Preschool has the use of six classrooms on the first floor in the Padua Center. Each room is furnished with permanent learning centers to explore. Examples include a building center, dramatic play center, art easels, puzzle, small motor center; sensory center with sand/water table, writing center; math center, and reading center. Besides these permanent centers, changeable centers are used to broaden learning experiences. Some changeable centers include: farm, camping, grocery store, Christmas, doctor/dentist, and birthday party. To provide each child with ample opportunity to explore the resources of the Preschool, the cubbies full of learning materials, the listening center libraries, and one center are moved on a monthly basis from room to room.

## *Curriculum*

The Preschool curriculum includes the following skills: social, basic knowledge, social studies, large and small motor skills, math, listening, writing, science, music and religion. The objectives are developmentally appropriate for each age level and will be taught throughout the school year. The focus of the Preschool curriculum is colors, shapes, numbers, and socialization. The focus of the Prekindergarten curriculum is preparation for kindergarten and future success in school. This includes literacy, mathematics, science, and socialization. All students will use the I Am Special religion curriculum, hear Bible stories, and learn about saints.

Family involvement is important at St. Anthony's Preschool. A monthly newsletter from the director and weekly notes from your child's teacher will keep you up-to-date with current preschool activities and their daily lessons.



- Morning routine of pledge, prayer, weather and calendar.
- Circle time in which the teacher will cover religious, academic, or thematic topics of the curriculum through discussion, song, story or activity. Projects will follow helping in the development of cutting, gluing, small motor skills and reinforcement of the topics of the curriculum.
- Gross motor time to learn and develop large motor skills. Weather permitting, the children spend time outside in a fenced-in play area.
- Music time to sing and practice rhythm skills.
- Snack time when a healthy snack will be served. The children will learn a snack prayer and the proper manners of enjoying their snack.
- Story time is spent sharing good books with our students.
- Free Play is time spent everyday when the children can socialize and engage in play at the classroom centers.

## *Parent Involvement*

Parent involvement is important to your child's success throughout their educational career. There are many volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. For the safety of our children, based on Joliet Diocese Policy, each parent volunteer must attend a Protecting God's Children seminar. Information can be obtained through the Preschool office.

## *Calendar and Special Events*

Classes will begin on September 7, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year. The Preschool operates on a standard school schedule with most of the same holidays as the public schools. Special events will happen throughout the year. Here is a partial listing of what to look forward to:

- ◆ Meet the Teacher Morning and Parent Orientation-August
- ◆ Grandparent's Day and Back to School Open House- September
- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences- November/April
- ◆ Thanksgiving Feast- November
- ◆ Christmas Program- December
- ◆ Registration and Open House- February
- ◆ Catholic Schools Week- January
- ◆ Field Trip- Fall and Spring
- ◆ Prayer Services- Monthly
- ◆ Community Service based on a Kindness Curriculum-Monthly

