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Saint James Academy PreK General Information

Welcome to St. James Academy Pre-Kindergarten program. Our goal is to ensure that your child's first school experiences are filled with love, laughter, and learning. Just as we strive to build a close relationship with each of our students, we will seek to form a close relationship with the parents or guardians of each child. We believe that parents, as primary caregivers, are most familiar with the unique needs of their children and that we can best serve your child by obtaining your insight into your child's needs.

We believe in a balanced program of child-centered and teacher-directed learning activities. We aspire to create a developmentally appropriate classroom that builds on your child's natural curiosity. Our program provides a solid foundation for our children's cognitive, social, emotional, physical, creative, and spiritual growth. Our teachers are committed to nurturing individual growth and to developing a life-long love for learning in each child.

In the Pre-Kindergarten classroom, you will find numerous learning centers carefully created to meet the individual interests and needs of our children. For example, we have a dramatic play center that includes child-sized furniture, props and play clothes, puppets and puppet theater, and other materials that support children's learning through play. Students in this center can act and role-play, which results in the practice of social and language skills. In the blocks and puzzles center, students will find plenty of puzzles, blocks, games, train sets and more. In this center, students' imaginations are stimulated as well as their development in skills such as planning, problem solving, cooperation, and hand-eye coordination. In the science center there are a variety of ongoing investigations that go on throughout the school year. Students are encouraged to explore, investigate, observe, record, and discuss topics of their interest. We have our own personal library with a wide range of literature for students to explore.

Each week your child will also engage in small group teacher directed learning activities that are focused on specific academic skills in art, math, language arts, and the development of fine and gross motor skills. With our facilities, experience, and dedication, you can expect the best education for your child.

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