



# St. Mary's School

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<http://www.stmaryschoolrockville.org/>

## Prekindergarten

### 2018-2019 Information Packet

If you have any questions, would like to schedule a visit or need assistance with the application process, please contact our  
Preschool Administrator Caroline Conway.

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## St. Mary's Preschool Program

St. Mary's offers an early childhood program for children three, four and five years of age. The goal of the school is to promote the spiritual, social, emotional and intellectual development of each child in a nurturing atmosphere with Catholic values.

Our students are exposed to a range of classroom experiences including, music, art, dramatic play, reading, building, exploration, dancing and language designed to stimulate their creativity, physical development, and problem solving abilities. The teacher and children gather each day for group learning opportunities designed to enhance each child's cognition, perception, and communication skills. Personalized instruction is provided on a daily basis so that each child receives a challenging and engaging education. The program includes pre-reading, math and religious education curriculums. We promote positive participation in our school community, respect for fellow students and teachers, and helping one another. Our goal is to help each child grow their sense of self-worth and well-being and always encourages the positive "I can" attitude.

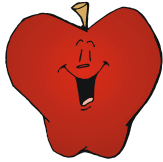
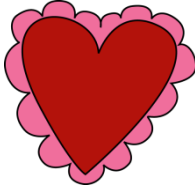






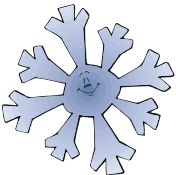

# St. Mary's Catholic Prekindergarten:

- Is an early childhood program designed to stimulate each child's social, emotional, spiritual and academic learning for children for are 4 years of age by September 1, 2017
- Promotes child development through hands on, play based learning
- Offers a spiritually rich environment
- Has a curriculum that is theme based planned around letters, seasons, holidays, and community awareness
- Follows the Archdiocese of Washington's demanding academic standards
- Focuses on more than just rigorous academics by affording children the opportunity to learn confidence, friendship, independence, & cooperation in the classroom
- Attends music and library specials each week
- Has one classroom teacher and an instructional assistant with a maximum student to teacher ratio of 10:1
- Provides for an easy transition into St. Mary's kindergarten class
- Has affordable, all-inclusive tuition with financial assistance available to families with demonstrated need
- Offers full and half day choices
- Offers before and after care options
- Wears uniforms
- Is licensed by the Maryland Department of Education's Office of Childcare

# Prekindergarten Schedule

- 7:30-7:50 Arrival
- 7:50-8:10 Circle Time & Morning Meeting
- 8:12 - 9:30 Centers
- 9:36 - 10:28 Bathroom, Snack & Recess
- 10:30 - 11:10 Religion, Social Studies or Special
- 11:12 - 11:52 Lunch
- 11:54 - 12:34 Independent Activity Time
- 12:36 - 1:25 Rest/Quiet
- 1:27 - 2:09 Academic Choice
- 2:11 - 2:51 Special or Recess
- 2:53 - 3:05 Pack Up & Dismissal

# Prekindergarten Monthly Themes

<p>September</p> 	<p>School Church &amp; Prayer Family Colors Letters A, B</p>	<p>February</p> 	<p>St. Valentine Love &amp; Feelings Sharing Five Senses Presidents Letters O, P, Q, R</p>
<p>October</p> 	<p>Fall Halloween Personal Safety Numbers Letters C, D, E</p>	<p>March</p> 	<p>St. Patrick Blessed Trinity Spring Transportation Weather Letters S, T, U</p>
<p>November</p> 	<p>Saints &amp; Angels Native Americans Thanksgiving Helping Others Stars &amp; Stripes Shapes Letters F, G, H, I</p>	<p>April</p> 	<p>Caterpillars Butterflies Easter Life Cycles Flowers Letters V, W, X</p>
<p>December</p> 	<p>Baby Jesus Advent St. Nicholas Nativity Christmas Giving Letters J, K</p>	<p>May</p> 	<p>Mother's Day Blessed Mother All About Me Playground Letters Y, Z</p>
<p>January</p> 	<p>The Epiphany Winter &amp; Snow Baptism Healthy Eating Martin Luther King Letters L, M, N</p>	<p>June</p> 	<p>Father's Day Summer Ocean Kindergarten</p>

\*This is a tentative guide designed to give you an idea of our classroom themes. We may adjust the pacing and themes based upon the class needs and interests.

We believe that a successful parent-teacher partnership is critical to giving your child the best preschool experience. We encourage frequent communication and welcome parent participation.

### **Parent Involvement**

Each family is encouraged to assist and participate in the preschool program. It is always interesting to see a classroom in action and to see your own child interacting with other children and away from home. The school uses volunteers for field trips, classroom special occasions, school celebrations, coordinating parent socials, and many other events. We are so grateful for the wonderful support our parents provide to enhance our school community. Parents with special skills, talents, hobbies or places of work suitable for field trips are encouraged to bring this to the attention of the teacher.

### **Parent-Teacher Communication**

There is a general orientation meeting in August that parents are asked to attend. Conferences will be held in November. Report Cards are distributed in January and June for families enrolled in the four year old classes. The three year old students will receive a written evaluation at the spring conference. If you have any questions about your child and his or her progress, please remember you may call or email a teacher and request an appointment to meet with the teacher. Teacher contact information is posted on the St. Mary's School website.

Any parent who has any contact with the children must be in complete compliance with the Archdiocesan Child Protection Policies. All volunteers are required to complete the Archdiocesan Child Protection Virtus Training, have criminal background checks, and complete necessary paperwork.



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### THREE YEAR OLD PROGRAM

Must turn 3 years of age by September 1, 2018  
Monday/Wednesday/Thursday  
8:30 AM -12:00 PM  
\* Discounted Catholic Rate - \$4540  
Non-Discounted Rate - \$5150

### HALF DAY PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Must turn 4 years of age by September 1, 2017  
Monday through Friday  
7:50 AM -12:15 PM  
\* Discounted Catholic Rate - \$5620  
Non-Discounted Rate - \$6370

### FULL DAY PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Must turn 4 years of age by September 1, 2017  
Monday through Friday  
7:50 AM - 3:00 PM  
\* Discounted Catholic Rate - \$9330  
Non-Discounted Rate - \$10,965

### PREKINDERGARTEN BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Before and After Care are available for our Prekindergarten Program only

Before Care	After Care
7:30am to 7:50 am	3:00pm to 6:00pm
No charge	\$18/day

To apply, visit our online application at <http://mytads.com/a/stmaryschool>  
\$100 non-refundable application fee is required

\*The Discounted Catholic Rate is the tuition rate for Catholics registered at an ADW parish who have been members in good standing for two years, participate in parish activities, volunteer and provide regular financial support to the parish. Families from other parishes will be required to present a letter from their pastor stating that they are participating members in good standing.

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