

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL
THREE-YEAR OLD PROGRAM

Class Size – 25

Teacher/Pupil Ratio - 12/1

Academic Curriculum

The curriculum is centered on weekly thematic units. Within this structure, colors, shapes, numbers, counting, and the alphabet are constantly explored. In addition, basic math skills, gross/fine motor skills, name recognition, following directions, and problem solving are reinforced. Alphabet Recognition and Phonemic awareness are taught using *Letter People* (Abrams & Company Publishers, Inc.). The child's religious growth is fostered through *God Made Me* (Loyola Press).

Activities

Readiness activities in Reading, Math, Science, Music, Art, and Social Studies are included in the weekly curriculum. Special activities include a visit to the Pumpkin Patch, Breakfast with Santa, a visit to City Park's Storyland, and a very special Mother's Day Tea that the children prepare for their mothers.

Enrichment

Art

Curriculum: Recognition of color and shape; promotion of creativity and color awareness; introduction to multiple medium

Music

Curriculum: Recognition of various music signs and symbols; Melodic contour; rhythm patterns performed on instruments; developing an understanding of High/Low, Loud/Soft, Fast/Slow, Long/Short Sounds; pitch exploration; echo songs; Movement exploration ; finger plays; action songs; circle games

Library

Curriculum: Students hear stories that relate to the theme of their in-class studies.

Spanish

Curriculum: Basic Introduction to the Spanish Language

Computer

Curriculum: Software that reinforces skills taught in class (numbers, shapes, colors, the alphabet); memory, thinking, listening, and mouse skills; following directions and visual perception

P.E.

Curriculum: Basic Motor Skill Development (balance, directional skills, footwork and coordination, hand-eye coordination), ball handling skills, jump rope, development of muscular strength and endurance, and cardiovascular fitness); basic fundamental skills as pertaining to volleyball, football, soccer, basketball, tennis, cabbage, baseball, hockey, track, etc., are taught to all grade levels.

Daily Schedule

30 minutes – Welcome, Morning Circle, Prayer

15 minutes – Music, Group Games

20 minutes – Snack/Bathroom

30 minutes – Enrichment Class

30 minutes – Outside Fun

40 minutes – Center Time

30 minutes – Lunch

90 minutes – Nap

10 minutes – Bathroom

20 minutes – Simple games, Outside

15 minutes – Storytime

Class Time

7:00 – 8:30 – Before School Care

8:30 – 11:45 – Half Day

8:30 – 3:20 – Full Day

3:30 – 6:00 – After school Care

ST. PHILIP NERI PREK 3 PROGRAM

St. Philip Neri offers an early childhood program for children that are three years of age. To be enrolled in this program, children must be three on or before **September 30 of the current school year**. The Pre-K 3 Program is offered with four options: three half days, three full days, five half days, or five full days. Class begins at 8:30 A.M.; dismissal for the half-day program is 11:45 A.M. and dismissal for the full day class is 3:20 P.M. Before and After Care is available. For half-day students, Extended Day (from 11:45 AM until 3:20 PM) is available.

The Pre-K 3 daily schedule includes Group Time, Center Time, Art, Snack, Story Time, Music and Movement, and Outdoor Play. The full day students also enjoy lunch, a nap, and free play time. The children also attend enrichment classes weekly. These classes include Library, Spanish, Music, Physical Education, and Computer. The children also participate in Art enrichment three times per quarter.

GROUP TIME includes theme discussions, activities involving the Letter People curriculum, discussions of Religion lessons, flannel board stories, and finger plays.

CENTER TIME is structured so that the children may choose from a variety of Centers situated around the classroom. They include the art center, block center, small motor manipulatives, large motor manipulatives, book center, and housekeeping center. As we know, children learn through play; therefore, activities are varied throughout the week so that the total development of the child is considered.

ART includes opportunities for the children to work with paint, paste or glue, crayons, scissors, and play dough.

A **SNACK** is offered daily and is provided by parents on a rotating basis.

At least two **STORIES** are read to the children daily, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT includes singing familiar finger plays and songs as well as listening to and acting out a variety of children's music and movement selections.

OUTDOOR PLAY encourages gross motor development. The children enjoy running, climbing, pretend play, and playing with balls in their own yard adjacent to the classroom.

LUNCH – St. Philip Neri School offers a program whereby parents may choose to participate in the Archdiocese hot lunch program or provide a bag lunch for their children. Lunch is eaten in the Pre-K 3 classroom. Milk is served to those children participating in the hot lunch program, as well as any child who may want to purchase milk separately.

NAPTIME is offered daily. The children sleep for approximately one and one-half hours on mats provided by the parents. After the children nap, a time of FREEPLAY is offered. This free playtime may be indoor play or outdoor play.

The program at St. Philip Neri encourages the total development of each child. During the year we will be helping the children develop in the following areas - Fine Motor Skills, Gross Motor Skills, Language, Cognitive Development, Self Help Skills, and Social Development. The program includes readiness activities in Reading, Math, Science, Music, Art, and Physical Education. The Pre-K 3 Program on a continuing basis will explore colors, shapes, numbers, counting, name recognition, and alphabet. Our curriculum is centered on weekly thematic units. Some of the themes we cover include family, five senses, colors, shapes, numbers, animals, food, transportation, community helpers, and nursery rhymes. Each of the major holidays is also explored. Introduction to the alphabet will be accomplished through the Letter People Curriculum, a program published by Abrams & Company Publishers, Inc. To aid in the religious development of the children, the Pre-K 3 Program also uses God Made Me, a Religion program for three year olds by Loyola Press.

Potty Training is required of all children to be accepted into the program.

The Pre-K 3 children do wear uniforms. The boys' uniform consists of black elastic-waist shorts or pants with a white SPN monogrammed shirt. Black Velcro shoes must also be worn. The girls' uniform consists of a black gingham smock with matching bloomers; black or white stockings may be worn in cold weather. Black "Mary Jane" shoes must also be worn. All uniform items are available at Schiro's Uniform shop. In addition to the basic school uniform, a P. E. uniform must also be purchased. P. E. uniforms are available at the Viking Shop. We ask you to purchase an additional uniform or P. E. uniform to be kept at school for accidents.

In addition to tuition, you will be asked to purchase a few basic school supplies, a SPN tote bag, and a rest time mat for your child.

At St. Philip Neri, we believe that Early Childhood Education provides the transition from home to a school atmosphere. We believe the early learning years provide the basis for future learning. This is why we encourage parent involvement - there are specific times during the day and year that we will be asking for, and encouraging, parent or grandparent help. We feel that parent involvement is an important part of a child's success in school.

