

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL
PREKINDERGARTEN 4

Class Size – 25

Teacher/Pupil Ratio – 2/25

Academic Curriculum

Religion	Curriculum: Loyola Press: <i>God Made the World</i>
Language Arts	Curriculum: Pearson Scott Foresman PK Language Arts program that teaches letters and their sounds. This literature-based Reading program meets grade level expectations as mandated by the Archdiocese and the State of Louisiana.
Math	Curriculum: Abrams & Company Math for PK4, including topics such as shapes, patterns, matching, counting, solid shapes, measurement, time, and graphing
Handwriting	Curriculum: Zaner-Bloser Handwriting for PK

Daily Schedule

Carpet Time – Morning Prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, Calendar, Weather, Whole Group Lessons in Religion, Language Arts, Math, and Handwriting
Work Stations, Centers, and Small Group Instruction
Snack
Recess
Songs and Story Time
Enrichment Class
Nap Time

Enrichment

- Art:** Curriculum: Recognition of color and shape; promotion of creativity and color awareness; introduction to multiple mediums
- 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.
- Spanish** Curriculum: Basic Introduction to the Spanish Language
- Library** Curriculum: Students hear a story each week and answer questions from the dictionary that emphasize their in-class “alphabet” lesson; they are given a color sheet that also reinforces the same letter.
- Computer** Curriculum: Software that reinforces skills taught in class; programs familiarize the students with the keyboard and focus on pre-reading and pre-math skills, as well as mouse skills, following directions, and visual discrimination
- Music** Curriculum: Recognition of various signs and symbols; Developing an understanding of the concepts of high/low, loud/soft, fast/slow, long/short; phrasing; melodic contour; rhythm patterns performed on instruments; recognition of a steady beat and tempo; awareness of tone color; awareness of pitch, melody, even and uneven sounds in rhythm.

PK4 New Parent Information

Welcome to St. Philip Neri!

The following information should be helpful in answering many of the questions that you have. Should you have additional questions, please stop by, or call the school office at 887-5600. We hope that you enjoy your visit with us.

General Information

- There are three PK4 classes.
- Each class is limited to 25 students.
- Each class has one teacher and one full time assistant.
- The school day begins at 8:30 and PK4 is dismissed at 3:20.
- Before and After Care is available to PK4 students.
- A mid-afternoon snack is offered to the children. The students take turns each day bringing a snack for the entire class.
- PK4 classes do not attend Mass each week with the rest of the student body. Instead, there are special PK church visits.
- The students are required to wear uniforms.

Enrichment Classes

PK4 students attend a 30 minute enrichment class each day. These classes include Library, Music, P.E., Spanish, and Computer Lab.

Lunch

St. Philip Neri School is currently piloting 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 Assembly Hall. Milk is served to those children participating in the hot lunch program and may be purchased by those students who bring their lunch.

Field Trips

PK4 classes take several field trips throughout the school year. Our trips often include the Children's Museum, the Aquarium, and the Fire Station. Parents are required to bring their children on the field trips; PK students are not allowed to ride the bus.

Special Activities

PK4 children also take part in the following special activities throughout the year: Thanksgiving Feast, class Christmas Party, Mardi Gras Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Field Day, and May Fair performance.

Parent Participation

Parents are strongly encouraged to participate in school activities. We have parents come to help during lunch and recess. We appreciate help for holiday craft days.

Technology

The address of the school website is <http://www.stphilipneri.org>.

Each teacher has her own website with information regarding her individual class. Parents are able to stay informed this way. PK4 students attend a 30 minute Computer class each week. Every classroom is connected to the Internet, which is used for instructional purposes.