

St. Paul Kindergarten Program

Kindergarten students at St. Paul are immersed in a curriculum plan that integrates a range of topics and subjects with thematic units. The benefits to this style of learning is that students can directly apply subjects such as math, science, social studies, writing, and reading directly to their experience in life. With this curriculum design your child will get to experience different ways of learning that are attentive to each child's unique talents and needs.

How do I know if my child is ready for kindergarten?

When to enroll your child into kindergarten is a big decision, and you are not alone if you are asking yourself this question. Use this checklist as a basic guide to record your child's progress in each competency area. Remember to focus on your child's willingness to learn and encourage them to use their imagination. Each of these skills will at some level require assistance from a peer or adult.

- ✓ Can communicate needs, wants, and thoughts verbally
- ✓ Can listen to a story
- ✓ Can identify and write his /her name
- ✓ Can group like objects and form patterns with shapes, letters, numbers, or colors
- ✓ Can count to 20 or higher
- ✓ Can follow two to three verbal directions
- ✓ Exhibits enthusiasm when trying new activities
- ✓ Can take turns and share
- ✓ Can sit still and pay attention
- ✓ Is able to use pencils, crayons, markers, and scissors



Kindergarten Curriculum Overview

- **Language Arts**
Knowledge of the Alphabet, Phonemic Awareness, Sight Vocabulary, Leveled Reading Books, Shared Reading, Accelerated Reader, Instruction of upper and lower case letter formation, Sentence writing, Journal writing, Story writing
- **Science**
Water play, Properties, Weather, Four seasons, Polar animals, Hibernations, Five senses, Plant growth, Animal habitats
- **Math**
Exploration of manipulatives, Position and classification, Sorting, Data and graphs, Patterns, Numbers to 100, Money, Measurement, Time, Addition and subtraction, Geometry and fractions
- **Social Studies**
Friends and family, Where we live, Working together, I am a citizen, People work, Things change
- **Religion**
What it means to be a Christian, God chose me to be His child, God takes care of me and loves me, We can worship God at any time and at any place
- **Specials**
Spanish, Music, PE, Art, Library, and Chapel

Kindergarten Program Options:

- **Five-Day Full-Day 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.**