

Preschool Program Plan



Discover the Nativity Early Learning Center's Preschool Programs and Give Your Child a Head Start.

The Nativity Early Learning Center offers preschool programs that aim to promote your child's educational and social development to ensure future success. Our skilled staff is dedicated to providing your child with a curriculum that grows with them.



In our preschool classroom, your child will discover the joys of learning across various academic areas, including:

- Social and Emotional Development
- Language and Literacy
- Creative Arts
- Cognitive Development
- Physical Development
- Approaches to Learning

In addition to these six areas, the NELC has incorporated Religious Education as a vital component of our curriculum. Our youngest learners will focus on these areas of development, which follow the Minnesota Early Childhood Indicators of Progress.



To help you better understand the classroom environment and the activities that take place there, we have compiled a list of common terms that you or your child's teachers may use.



Understanding Your Child's Classroom Vocabulary

The Benefits of Free Choice Time for Children's Development

Free choice time, also known as "free play," is a crucial part of children's learning and development. It allows children to move freely throughout the classroom, promoting socialization skills, problem solving, and cooperative play. Below are the different areas of your child's classroom that they can explore during free choice time:

- Dramatic Play: Encourages problem solving, role-playing, socialization, language skills, and cooperative play.
- Book Area: Provides a quiet place for children to learn early letter and word recognition.
- Manipulative Area: Encourages math skills, cooperation, fine motor skills, and turn taking.
- Science Area: Encourages an appreciation for nature and the environment, experimentation, discovery, and the development of cause-and-effect skills.
- Art Area: Provides a variety of media and opportunities for creative expression.
- Sensory Table: Encourages hands-on exploration.
- Music Area: Encourages music appreciation and exposes children to music from different cultures.
- Block Area: Allows children to use math skills, problem solving, large and fine motor skills, and spatial relationships.
- Social Studies Area: Provides children with materials and opportunities to learn about their classroom and community. This helps children feel accepted and gain a sense of belonging. Children can also learn about diversity in family structure and culture through books, conversations, posters, and other materials that feature people from various cultures.