

Little Lions Preschool

2024-2025 Preschool Information



Philosophy

Little Lions Preschool, at Saint Pius X Catholic School, is a community in which children, learning, and ideas are nurtured and celebrated. We provide quality early childhood educational experiences that reflect the importance of integrating our Catholic faith into daily life. Our developmentally-appropriate curriculum fosters spiritual, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of the whole child in a comfortable and stimulating environment.

Preschool Faculty

Little Lions Preschool teachers are qualified in early childhood education and/or have extensive practical experience working with young children. The staff/child ratios meet or exceed the standards set by the Indiana Department of Education with two teachers in each classroom.



Paths to Quality

Paths to QUALITY™ is Indiana's statewide rating system for early care and education programs. Little Lions Preschool is currently Level 3 and is also an approved provider for CCDF and OMW vouchers. These state funded programs provide resources to schools and families to best support children's learning and school readiness.

Program and Curriculum Goals

At Saint Pius X, we structure age-appropriate experiences in a Catholic environment that further enhances and facilitates the growth and development of each child. We strive to:

- Integrate the Catholic faith in all learning experiences to enhance spiritual, social, and emotional development.
- Teach children to model Christian behavior in every aspect of their lives and provide a sense of self-worth as one of God's children.
- Strive to build characteristics of successful learners by developing social and self-help skills through peer group interactions that practice cooperation, sharing, and making friends.
- Foster an understanding of how to succeed in a classroom environment by guiding children to follow simple directions and classroom rules, respect teachers, others and self, and maintain attention span.
- Embrace the natural learning process through curiosity and enthusiasm inherent in all young children through a variety of learning experiences including children's literature, arts and crafts, learning centers, music, movement, creative dramatics, and free play.
- Educate children from the beginning stages of social and emotional development progressing through the development of kindergarten-readiness skills.
- Integrate literacy learning and skills from all academic subject areas including math, science, social studies, music, and fine arts.
- Encourage individual expression through language development and creativity.
- Model a cooperative and supportive partnership between children, teachers, and parents, establishing a positive connection between home and school.



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Unique Features of Little Lions Preschool

The foundation of Little Lions Preschool is enriched by incorporating proven methodologies that provide specialized attention to the developmental stages of a young child.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program provides weekly experiences for children to learn about different aspects of liturgy and scripture using an age-appropriate, hands-on approach modeling the philosophy of Maria Montessori.

Wilson Foundations provides children with a foundation for reading in a structured, sequential, and cumulative phonics program using multisensory teaching techniques.

Everyday Mathematics is a comprehensive mathematics curriculum developed by the University of Chicago School Mathematics Project. The preschool component provides hands-on math-readiness skills.

Handwriting Without Tears is a multi-sensory handwriting program that follows a research-based sequence for introducing letters. The variety of developmentally-appropriate activities helps engage students in forming good writing habits from the start.

Minds-in-Motion is a program designed to stimulate a child's visual and auditory processing, as well as motor skills to enhance the educational experience that results in a better integrated and balanced child. Little Lions teachers are trained in the effective implementation of this program.

Music-Specialized weekly instruction in music is provided by a licensed music educator.

Enrollment

New Families -If you are interested in enrolling your child, please submit the online form at StPiusCatholicSchool.net/registration. You will be required to upload a copy of your child's birth certificate and Baptismal record. Once submitted, you will be asked to complete a Preschool Preference form. Classes are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Included in the tuition, there is a deposit of \$150 per child for half days and \$300 for full days due upon enrollment. If classes are closed at the time you submit your completed information, we will notify you and you will have the option to place your child on a wait list.

School Families- An email will be sent with a unique code for each student to register online. Included in the tuition, there is a

deposit of \$150 per child for half days and \$300 per child for full days. The deposit for the oldest child in the family will be processed through FACTS no later than February 1, 2024 with the remaining fee billed through the 2024-2025 FACTS payment plan beginning July, 2024.

Preschool Program Options

3 Year Old	Days	AM	PM	Full Day
2 day	T, TH	8:00-11:00	N/A	N/A
3 day	M,W,F	8:00-11:00	12:00-3:00*	N/A
4 Year Old	Days	AM	PM	Full Day
3 day	T, W, TH	8:00-11:00	N/A	N/A
3 day	M,W,F	N/A	12:00-3:00*	N/A
4 day	M,T,W,TH	8:00-11:00	12:00-3:00**	8:00-3:00
5 day	M,T,W,TH,F	8:00-11:00	N/A	8:00-3:00
4/5 Year Old	Days	AM	PM	Full Day
4 day	M,T,W,TH	8:00-11:00	12:00-3:00**	8:00-3:00
5 day	M,T,W,TH,F	8:00-11:00	N/A	8:00-3:00
*The M/W/F afternoon class is combined with ages 3 and 4.				
**The M-TH afternoon class is combined with ages 4 and 5.				

-Extended Care Program is before and after school 7:00-7:40 a.m. and 3:00-5:45 p.m. (Students must be at least four years old prior to December 31, 2023.)

Tuition- ESTIMATED AT THIS TIME

Class	Parishioner (per child)	Non-parishioner (per child)
2 day (Half Day)	\$2,500	\$2,800
3 day (Half Day)	\$3,175	\$3,550
4 day (Half Day)	\$3,850	\$4,300
4 day (Full Day)	\$6,300	\$6,600
5 day (Half Day)	\$4,400	\$4,800
5 day (Full Day)	\$7,100	\$7,600