



## St. Mark Preschool

St. Mark Preschool is proud to offer a 5-day program to children ages four through five years, but not ready for kindergarten. Children must be four by September 30<sup>th</sup> and fully potty-trained. Both full and half days are available; however, space is limited to 16 students to help us maintain our small student to teacher ratio.

Our Preschool program nurtures the individual child, while developing each child's talents and abilities in a school setting. St. Mark Preschool begins the foundation of academic excellence by following a play-based instructional program built around the Cleveland Catholic Diocese Early Child Curriculum.

A large classroom is well equipped with child-sized furnishing offering creative work/play opportunities. An example of the daily schedule is as follows:

8:15-8:30	Arrival/Sign-in/Quiet Activities
8:30-8:45	Quiet Activities/Clean-Up
8:45-9:00	Morning Meeting (Prayer, Calendar, Math, Weather, etc.)
9:00-9:20	Wash hands/Snack
9:20-10:00	Free choice play at learning centers (math, science fine motor, literacy, art, dramatic play, sensory, etc.)/small group work/outside time
10:00-10:30	Daily lessons/Group work
10:30-10:50	Music/Movement/Story time
10:50-11:00	Prepare morning students for dismissal and full day students for lunch
11:10-11:40	Lunch
11:40-12:30	Rest/Quiet time
12:30-12:35	Transition from rest
12:35-1:15	Free choice play at learning centers (math, science fine motor, literacy, art, dramatic play, sensory, etc.)/small group work
1:15-1:20	Clean-up
1:20-2:20	Enrichment Activities/Music/Movement/Story time
2:20	Prepare for dismissal
2:30	Dismissal

### Meet our Teachers:

Mrs. Katie Juray holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from John Carroll University and a Master's Degree in Education from Dominican University with a focus in Literacy. Mrs. Juray has over 13 years of experience working with preschool-aged children. Prior to joining St. Mark School, she was a preschool and kindergarten aide at Lakewood Catholic Academy. Additionally, she worked in the Children's Department of the Lakewood Public Library for ten years where she was responsible for planning and presenting early childhood programs, such as story times and preschool outreach. During her time at LPL Mrs. Juray also received extensive training in early childhood literacy programming.

Mrs. Juray's classroom aide is Mrs. Gina DeGennaro, who also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from John Carroll University. Both Mrs. Juray and Mrs. DeGennaro love sharing their love of learning with St. Mark's littlest learners.

For questions in assisting you to make a Preschool decision, please contact Mrs. Cocita at [cocita@stmarkwestpark.com](mailto:cocita@stmarkwestpark.com) or call the school office at 216-521-4115