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If you are interested in enrolling your child in these outstanding early childhood programs please contact our front office and we will be more than happy to answer any questions or give you a tour of our beautiful facility.



Where a lifetime of learning begins!



About our Preschool

Our Philosophy

At St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Preschool we believe that children are unique and special beings who develop in their own time and pace. Our developmentally appropriate program is designed to provide experiences that focus on the growth of the whole child. In addition to kindergarten readiness, our program will encourage lifelong learning, problem solving, decision making, motivate each child to reach his/her individual potential and beyond.

Goals of our program

Facilitate: age appropriate opportunities in spiritual, physical, social, cognitive and language development.

Understand: the value of play, and the choice of materials and activities in the child's learning environment.

Provide: an atmosphere where children continue their relationship with God.

Generate: in the young child the value of life and respect for self and others.

Nurture: a warm, caring environment that enhances self esteem and a positive attitude towards learning.

Early Childhood Program

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School



Combining the highest quality education with traditional Catholic Values.

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Approved by Florida Department of Education



• Letter People Program

Children meet and greet a new letter person each week and learn about their theme. Each theme contains elements of language, math, science, and social studies. The Letter People curriculum recognizes that children will need to enter kindergarten with all the social and pre-academic skills necessary to succeed in school and life.

• Religion Curriculum

Students are instructed by using the Stories of God's Love Curriculum rooted in the Catholic faith and our liturgical calendar. This program teaches children appropriate Scripture stories that tell them of God's love and connects these stories to the children's lives.

Curriculum

Children are taught sensitivity and respect for others while developing their language, fine arts, cognitive and physical skills through constructive and dramatic play.

- **Religion**-through prayers and activities, each child learns that God made them a special and unique person.
- **Math and Science**-through the use of real objects, children have hands on experiences with numerical concepts. Tapping into children's natural curiosity and enthusiasm for living things, our preschoolers explore the world by using a wide array of materials.
- **Language**-children are introduced to a variety of stories, vocabulary development and letter/sound recognition through the Letter People curriculum. Children also learn Spanish and sign language.
- **Art**-children explore and are introduced to a variety of art medium, including markers, clay, paint, sand, etc.
- **Music**-through song, instruments and movement, children explore the world of sound.
- **Motor Skills**-large motor skills are developed through activities such as dancing, jumping, climbing and balancing. Fine motor skills are developed through the use of a variety of manipulative materials and small objects.

Age Requirements

Pre K3—3 years old by September first.

VPK Pre K4—4 years old by September first.

All students must be potty trained prior to entering our early childhood classes.

Hours of Operation:
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PreK 3 offers 2, 3, or 5 day programs with full or half day options available to meet your child's needs.

VPK 4 Program
8:00 a.m. to 11:00
Or 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Before and afterschool care is available from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Our wonderful school also features a nutritious hot lunch daily.

