



Curriculum Preschool 3's 2014-2015



How to reach us - please feel free to contact us for any reason:

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❖ Arrival (lobby doors open at 8:20am):

The children will:

- Hang up their book bag and coat (helping your child is ok, but this is one of the first steps in learning responsibility, so let them be the one doing most of the work!!)
- Bring in daily folder and place in basket at check in.
- Wash hands.
- Find nametag to let us know who is here.
- Time to play!

❖ Our activities for the day:

- These activities vary daily. We will have one or two class activities for the day. This may be a painted project or cutting and gluing or working on our name recognition/writing, or making a surprise for someone. These activities may produce things which may or may not come home with your child. We may hold onto them for conferences or to put in the end of the year portfolio.
- During the one-on-one teacher/child activity time, the classroom will be set up with various “fun” centers. There may be playdoh/shaving cream/gak for sensory fun. There may be puzzles, games, sorting activities, building activities, dress up and much, much more.
- Important things to remember:
 - Our art projects are special and individual. It is about the process, not the product.
 - Smocks are worn over the uniforms to help keep paint stains to a minimum. This does not always work, but smocks are always available!!!

❖ Snack

- Parents will provide a daily snack for their own child each class day throughout the school year.
- Snacks need to be individually packaged-either by the manufacturer or in a plastic container or the slider bags provided. Please make sure your child's name is visible somewhere on the snack package, container or baggie.
- We recommend that these snacks be healthy and nutritious and of a quantity that is appropriate for a light snack.
- **Please do not send in a snack that contains peanuts or tree nuts.**
- Water will be offered as a beverage.
- Birthdays will be recognized and celebrated in a special way at snack time. On that day, your child may dress down and will be given a cupcake at snack time. We ask that you refrain from sending goodie bags or candy treats for the class. This will also be one of their Show & Tell days.

❖ Special Classes:

- Library with Mrs. D (every other week).
- Music with Mrs. Lawson (every other week).
- Gym (once a week). Children must wear gym shoes to participate.

❖ Outside play:

- We will try to have at least 10-15 minutes of outside play each class time.
- We go out in the winter, so please be sure your child comes with a warm coat/jacket, mittens and a hat. Please label these items. We will not go out if it is raining or if it is too cold!

❖ Volunteer Opportunities:

- We need 2 parents from each class to serve as Room Parents to plan our Halloween and Happy Birthday Baby Jesus parties. You will need to have completed the Protecting God's Children class, to have been fingerprinted at St. Brigid and to have a signed Volunteer Code of Conduct on file in order to serve as a room parent.
- In January, we will begin to have Mystery Readers. This will give you an opportunity to come into our classroom at the end of class and read a story to everyone and stay for snack.

❖ Parent/Teacher conferences:

- The 3's conferences will be held on Tuesday, September 30th. There is no school for the 3's this day.
- There are sign up sheets available tonight. These sheets will also be available for the next couple of weeks, if you are unable to commit at this time.
- Children do not attend the conferences.

❖ Family Literacy Night:

- Mark your calendars now!!! Thursday, October 2nd. This is a wear your pajamas activity (parents included). Preschoolers are definitely invited!

❖ Classroom parties:

- October 30st - Halloween party. Child, with parent (no siblings), arrives at party time in costume.
- December 19th -Happy Birthday Jesus party. Non-uniform day. Child arrives at regular class time for Las Posadas. Parents are welcome to attend Las Posadas or can come back at party time. No siblings please.
- February 12th - Valentine party. Non-uniform day. Child arrives with valentines at regular class time.
- May 7th - Mom's Hat party. Non-uniform day. Child arrives with Mom at party time. No siblings please.
- Room parents plan first two parties. Look for sign up sheets for supplies before the parties. The children plan Mom's Hat party.