

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL**  
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**Dear Families,**

Welcome to Blessed Sacrament Preschool! We are looking forward to an exciting year in our program of learning, challenges and fun filled activities for your children. Following is information that we hope will help make the first days of school an easy and smooth transition as we begin the 2017-2018 school year.

\*\*\*Children in the Preschool Program should bring **one snack and drink for the morning break, one snack and drink for the afternoon break and a lunch** The option of ordering lunch through the Providence school lunch program is also available. Forms for that option will be sent home separately. Milk is provided by the school for all children during lunch.

\*\*\*Students will also need to bring in a small, light weight blanket and travel pillow for their afternoon rest time. These may be sent in during the first week of classes and will remain at school.

\*\*\* We have also found that a regular size backpack, in addition to a lunch box, helps to keep school belongings, "projects" and notices together in an organized manner. Please be sure to go through your child's backpack after each school day.

\*\*\*Please label all items worn or brought to school with your child's name in permanent ink.

\*\*\***Please be sure to advise us if your child is allergic to any foods, has any medical or health issues we should be aware of immediately.**

\*\*\*Shoe box labeled with your child's name with extra set of clothes (shorts, top, underwear, socks).

**Arrival Procedures**

All students should enter the building through the school yard entrance. You may walk your child to the classroom beginning at 8:00.

**Dismissal Procedures**

Preschool students are dismissed from the classroom at 2:30 p.m.

A **Dismissal Permission Form** will be sent home with your child the first day of school. It is essential that it be completed and signed by each of the people authorized by you to pick up your child from school, signed by a parent and returned to school promptly.

For the first days, before that form is received, a note from you will be required stating the name of the person other than you who will be picking up your child. That person will need photo identification with them in order to release your child from school. No exceptions will be made.

\*\*\*\*\*If you are late picking up your child at 2:30, he/she will be brought to after school daycare and be signed in until your arrival\*\*\*\*\*

*Donations of paper towels, tissues, disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer are always welcome.*

In closing, please know that we are always available to answer your questions and discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child. Let's work together to have our preschool children develop happy, positive and secure feelings about their first school experience. Thank you for choosing Blessed Sacrament School!

Mrs. Michelle Potrzeba  
PreK-3 Teacher

Mrs. Laurie McElwain  
PreK-4 Teacher



## **PRESCHOOL**

Blessed Sacrament Preschool is a developmentally appropriate program for children 3-5 years old. All subjects are introduced using hands-on activities presented in both large and small groups in readiness for kindergarten.

In literacy and language arts we use fun activities and projects to teach letters and letter sounds.

In math we work on patterns, counting, numeral identification, simple addition and subtraction using manipulatives to encourage problem solving and thinking skills.

During music we sing songs, play instruments and do creative movement activities.

Art gives our preschoolers the opportunity for free expression using crayons, markers, paint, scissors and glue to create projects that encourage fine motor skills as well as creativity.

The children also have computer time to ready them in being technologically adept in the classroom and beyond.

Religion is an integral part of our preschool program. We discuss God's love of us, loving others and helping one another. Our religion program offers a sound foundation upon which to build our relationship with God.

Our classrooms offer a fun, stimulating, and hands-on curriculum for 3-5 year olds. It is our goal to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for your child to begin his/her educational journey.

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## ***WHAT DO WE DO IN PRESCHOOL ?***

***Circle time*** is a group gathering at the start of the day designed to share ideas. We learn about the months, days of the week and weather conditions of the day. Circle activities are designed to stimulate youngsters' thinking, enrich their social skills and expand their attention spans.

***Gross motor activities*** give children the opportunity to use their muscles - as well as their imaginations - as they engage in fun, healthy exercises, such as running, jumping, ball handling and games!

***Fine motor activities*** help improve small muscle development and eye-hand coordination. Some common skill builders include working with puzzles, pencils, brushes, crayons and scissors. Letter, word and name printing is also encouraged during this time.

***Literacy activities*** provide a fun way to teach letters and letter sounds.

***Math activities*** include numeral recognition, basic math concepts such as amount, sequence, patterns, graphing and simple addition equations. We encourage problem solving and critical thinking skills with our activities in this area.

***Art activities*** help students creatively express their thoughts and feelings. They help reinforce fine motor skills and concept development in areas such as colors, shapes, size and spatial relationships.

***Music activities*** promote a child's listening skills, creative expression and social skills. In music, children can explore sound, volume, tempo and rhythm.

***Computer activities*** offers students an introduction to basic computer skills, encourages working independently and integrates the use of technology into the learning environment at an early age.

***Dramatic play activities*** help children express themselves, practice life skills, improve social skills, increase self-esteem, build vocabulary and solve problems.

***Story time*** is designed to help youngsters develop an appreciation and enjoyment of literature. Reading activities in the classroom and library enhance children's vocabulary, comprehension skills, attention span, knowledge base, and to develop an appreciation of the written word.

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# Mrs. Potrzeba's Class

## Prek-3

### Students' Supply List

- Big pencils
- Box of big crayons
- Plastic pencil box
- Green and Red folders
- Water colored paints
- Small crayon box
- Colored pencils
- Kid scissors
- 4 glue sticks
- Pastels