



## St. Francis of Assisi Preschool Teaching “young children” how to be “good students” with a love and appreciation for God, life and learning!

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

#### Purpose:

To provide an environment that will...

- 1) Nurture and stimulate the development of the whole child
- 2) Increase each child’s knowledge and understanding of God
- 3) Surround each child with the feeling of God’s presence in themselves, others and creation
- 4) Encourage each child to actively participate in Catholic Christian life by loving God and sharing God’s love with others.

#### Curriculum:

Will promote emotional, social, creative, physical, cognitive and spiritual development as appropriate at each program level through...

- 1) A structured yet flexible classroom routine
- 2) A balance of self-selected activities (table toys/games of matching, sorting and counting, building, art, dramatic play, writing, puzzles, etc. to promote an eagerness to learn independence, sharing space/materials, taking turns, problem solving, time management and early academic skills) and teacher directed activities (to develop tending skills, following directions, respect for a leader and classroom manners/appropriateness.)
- 3) A wide variety of materials and meaningful, learning, work centers
- 4) Class prayer experiences as well as outreach projects.

#### Emphasis:

Will be on developmentally appropriate, experiential education that is safe, satisfying and fun for children in order to promote an eagerness for life-long learning and Catholic Christian living.

### PROGRAM LEVELS/TIMES & ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: St. Francis Preschool offers three levels of programming to prepare children to progress toward Kindergarten...

- **Little Learners** (children must have turned 2 yrs. old by January 1, 2020) – A class of 16 children on Wednesday & Friday mornings (8:35-11:05am)...Intended for the youngest classroom learner (possibly three years from Kindergarten.) Program emphasis on separating from parents, self-help skills, awareness & acceptance of others, sharing space & materials, exploration and creative expression.
- **Growing Learners** (children must be 3 yrs. old by Sept. 15, 2020) – A class of 16 children in the morning (8:35-11:05am) and 16 children in the afternoon (12:20-2:50pm) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays...Intended for the progressing early learner (possibly two years from Kindergarten.) Program emphasis on growing independence, increasing self-regulation, building social & communication skills and awakening of academic interest.
- **Pre-Kindergarten Learners** (children must be 4 yrs. old by Sept. 15, 2020) – A class of 24 children in the morning (8:30-11:15am) and 24 children in the afternoon (12:15-3pm) Monday through Thursday each week...Intended for the maturing early learner (the year before Kindergarten.) Program emphasis on school readiness skills of self-assurance and regulation, character building, social awareness, decision making, time management, problem solving and increasing academic interest/skill.

**\*\* All children must be toilet trained prior to attendance.\*\***

Parents are respectfully asked to carefully and prayerfully consider their child’s age and development, their family situation/schedule and parental education philosophy as well as their long term education plans for their child’s progression toward Kindergarten prior to requesting enrollment in order to realize the most beneficial preschool experience. The minimum age requirement and possible years from Kindergarten given at each program level is a guide. Individual child and family situations may influence your decision toward days of instruction each week or years of instruction prior to Kindergarten. Parents are strongly encouraged to align their enrollment request with the program level that best fits their desired educational emphasis for their child’s progression toward Kindergarten. We realize program readiness and plans for progression toward Kindergarten may be difficult to assess at this young age. **If you have questions or would like to discuss your situation, please contact the Preschool Program Director, Tammy Myers at 515-223-4577 x116 or [tmyers@saintfrancischurch.org](mailto:tmyers@saintfrancischurch.org).**

**COST:** \$175.00 per student Non-Refundable Registration Fee (payable upon accepting an enrollment offer)  
**(2020-21)** \$ 35.00 per student Supply & Activity Fee (payable at beginning of school year)  
\$158.50 per month (Sept-May) for Little Learners (Wed & Fri from 8:35-11:05am)  
\$185.75 per month (Sept-May) for Growing Learners (Mon-Tues & Thurs from 8:35-11:05am or 12:20-2:50pm)  
\$251.25 per month (Sept-May) for Pre-Kindergarten Learners (Mon thru Thurs from 8:30-11:15am or 12:15-3:00pm)

Submitting a completed Request for Enrollment form does not guarantee enrollment will be available or offered at any given time.

**(St. Francis of Assisi Kids Care ~ Early Childcare Extension information on back.)**



## **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI KIDS CARE**

### **KIDS CARE PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY**

**Purpose:**

Provide a Christ centered, nurturing environment for school age and early childhood students when they are not in session at St. Francis of Assisi School or Preschool.

**Emphasis:**

Encourage ongoing social, creative and physical development through age appropriate, engaging and fun activities in a structured yet flexible routine.

### **Kids Care ~ Early Childhood Extension**

Before & After School Care for SFA Preschool Students

- Full-time: Care when child is not at SFA Preschool; Monday-Thursday 7am-6pm & Friday 7am-5:30pm
- Part-time: Care for morning SFA Preschool students from preschool class dismissal until 4:30pm OR care for afternoon SFA Preschool Students from 7am until SFA Preschool class start time ALSO provides care 7am-4:30pm when child's SFA Preschool class is not in session.
- All day care provided on most no school days
- Healthy breakfast and snacks provided daily (**lunch cost to be announced**)
- Age appropriate activities including pro-social and early learning lessons, exercise and crafts

*(All children must be toilet trained prior to attendance.)*

### **Program Levels, Eligibility Requirements & 2020/21 Costs**

**Non-Refundable Registration Fee** *(payable upon accepting an enrollment offer)*

\$50 per student

#### **Little Suns**

(2 years old by Jan. 1, 2020)

Full-time: \$149 per week or \$596 per month

Part-time: \$120.50 per week or \$481 per month

#### **Growing Suns**

(3 years old by Sept. 15, 2020)

Full-time: \$143 per week or \$571 per month

Part-time: \$108 per week or \$420 per month

#### **Pre-Kindergarten Suns**

(4 years old by Sept. 15, 2020)

Full-time: \$134 per week or \$535 per month

Part-time: \$94 per week or \$366 per month

(Activity fees may be charged for field trips and onsite enrichment activities.)

Questions? Please contact Heather Gunson, Kids Care Director, at [hgunson@saintfrancisschool.org](mailto:hgunson@saintfrancisschool.org)



**PRESCHOOL REQUEST FOR ENROLLMENT**

7075 Ashworth Road, WDM, IA 50266 \* (515) 223-4577 x 116

Tammy Myers, Director (tmyers@saintfrancischurch.org)

School Year: 2020-21

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M or F  
(mm/dd/yy)

Mother/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Email is the preferred correspondence method. Please provide email address so response to your request can be sent via email.)

**Program Level/Session Desired:** (Circle up to one 1<sup>st</sup> and one 2<sup>nd</sup> program enrollment preference)

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

Little Learners

Little Learners

Growing Learners AM

Growing Learners AM

Growing Learners PM

Growing Learners PM

Pre-K Learners AM

Pre-K Learners AM

Pre-K Learners PM

Pre-K Learners PM

Yes    No

- \_\_\_\_\_ This child is a currently enrolled student at SFA Preschool.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This child is a sibling of a currently enrolled SFA Preschool student who will also be enrolled at SFA Preschool for the upcoming school year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This is a child of a St. Francis of Assisi staff member.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We are registered, tithing, active members of St. Francis parish.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We are not members of St. Francis of Assisi: \_\_\_\_\_  
(church affiliation)

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**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI KIDS CARE  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EXTENSION REQUEST FOR ENROLLMENT**

Complete this section if you would also like to request enrollment for the SFA KIDS CARE program that provides before and after school care for SFA Preschool students.

**Program Desired:** (Check one)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time (provides care when child is not at SFA Preschool; Monday-Thursday 7am-6pm & Friday 7am-5:30pm)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time (provides care for morning SFA Preschool students from preschool class dismissal until 4:30pm OR care for afternoon SFA Preschool students from 7am until SFA Preschool class arrival AND provides care 7am-4:30pm when child's SFA Preschool class is not in session.)

This child is a sibling of a currently enrolled SFA School student.    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

**This is an SFA Kids Care enrollment request and does not guarantee enrollment will be available or offered at any given time.**

**(Parish Administration Use Only)**

Date Form Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parishioner # \_\_\_\_\_

Preschool Enrollment Offered: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_      Preschool Reg. Fee Received: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)      (session)      (date)      (check #)

Kids Care Enrollment Offered: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_      Kids Care Reg. Fee Received: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)      (session)      (date)      (check #)