

## Program Overview

Introducing our youngest students to the world of school is a task we take very seriously. In Pre-Kindergarten, they are first of all made to feel safe and secure through age-appropriate routines, which give them a sense of predictability. They participate in whole group, small group, and individual activities that engage them in, and excite them about, the world. Away from home, perhaps for the first time, they are encouraged to make choices and to be responsible.

Program designed for 4 and 5 year olds (must be 4 years old by 30 September 2006)

- ▶ Classroom location at St. Mary Villa Child Development Center (30 White Bridge Rd)
- ▶ Offering a ten month (17 August – 31 May) or year-long program
- ▶ Hours of Instruction—8:30AM-3:30PM; with drop-off allowed after 8:00 and pick-up by 4:00
- ▶ Before and After Care program available for additional fee
- ▶ Summer Program available for an additional fee
- ▶ Diocesan Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum used
- ▶ Certified teacher and an aide for class of 20 students
- ▶ Sleeping mat, snack & lunch provided
- ▶ Tuition
  - \$3900 for 10 month program
  - \$175 non-refundable application deposit which will be applied to your account

### For further information call:

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CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE PRE-K



**Getting the best of  
three great schools**

**Christ the King School,  
St. Ann School  
&  
St. Mary Villa Child  
Development Center**

## Catholic Collaborative Pre-Kindergarten Program



Telephone 760-4425



## Our Philosophy

It is our goal to create self-motivated, life-long learners, by providing a developmentally appropriate, Catholic pre-kindergarten curriculum that enhances the spiritual, social/emotional, intellectual, aesthetic, and physical development of each child.

## Our Beliefs

***We believe that children learn best when the environment:***

- ▶ is faith-based
- ▶ is nurturing and secure
- ▶ is print-rich
- ▶ is discovery-oriented
- ▶ is arranged in learning centers
- ▶ provides an abundance of concrete materials
- ▶ is safe, well-maintained
- ▶ meets individual needs



***We believe that children learn best when they:***

- ▶ are secure and successful
- ▶ are actively involved in their learning
- ▶ have the opportunity to work cooperatively to problem solve, make decisions and choices, evaluate their own learning
- ▶ take responsibility for their choices
- ▶ are sensitive to needs and differences of others and all of God's creation
- ▶ internalize knowledge as a result of discovery

***We believe that children learn best when the curriculum:***

- ▶ is integrated with faith formation
- ▶ is developmentally appropriate
- ▶ addresses different learning styles
- ▶ provides for individual differences
- ▶ is flexible
- ▶ is stimulating
- ▶ provides concrete activities
- ▶ encourages self-motivation
- ▶ is meaningful
- ▶ is fun

***We believe that children learn best when the teacher:***

- ▶ is sensitive to individual differences
- ▶ uses a wide variety of methods and materials
- ▶ acts as a facilitator
- ▶ is knowledgeable about child development
- ▶ is the decision-maker based on the needs of the children
- ▶ is a liaison between home and school ensuring the success of every child
- ▶ is warm, caring, positive, and creates a nurturing environment
- ▶ witnesses as a Christian model



## SPIRITUAL DIMENSION

The unique collaboration between Christ the King School, St. Ann School, and St. Mary Child Development Program allows our Pre-K students involvement in a Catholic Christian community focused on religious and values -oriented education rich in Catholic tradition.

The spiritual thrust of our program is:

- ▶ To foster the integration of faith with the rest of learning and living.
- ▶ To foster the acquisition of the skills, virtues, and habits of heart and mind required for effective service to others.
- ▶ To foster a focus on the "whole" individual consistent with the belief that the mind is connected to the heart, body, and spirit.

