

ST JOSEPH WOODSMILL PRESCHOOL

555 St. Joseph Lane

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Woodsmill Preschool was founded in 1969 by Lenora Parker. The Staff and I are thrilled to now be part of St. Joseph School. Our teachers have many years experience with young children and most have their BA, MA and/or teaching certification. Our program is dedicated to preparing your children for Kindergarten while instilling a love of learning. We stress socialization, kindness, manners and friendship. We appreciate each child as an individual with different personalities and learning styles.

Our program is thematic, which means that our music, art, stories, classroom discussions, field trips, etc. all revolve around our themes which change monthly. A calendar is distributed each month, so that parents know what is happening on any given day. Also, the monthly calendar will let parents know when we will have Show and Share, Let's Find Out, Gym, Music, Spanish, Nature on the Move (a science program that comes to our classroom), field trips (and who is driving for them), and if there is any classroom news or needs.

The Pre-K classes participate in about six theme- based field trips a year and our younger classes go on two field trips with our parents participating and driving. Our parents also give two parties a year, Halloween and Valentines, for our students.

The Pre-K parents also have the option of an Enrichment Day. This program adds another four hours to the day, includes lunch time and enriches our regular Pre-K curriculum with a variety of programs including Spanish, music, game time, writing, journaling, science activities, and much more.

The children perform in two musicals a year, in December and May. These are also our last day of school before Christmas Break and our last day of school for the year. All are invited (relatives and friends, too). The children sing, dance, make costumes and props, and tell the story. During the year, we have a Father Participation Day, when Dads (or Grandpa or Uncle) come to school for an hour on a Saturday morning to participate in a normal Preschool day. We also have a school picnic in the Spring. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled twice a year.

A typical day at Preschool will include the following: Free Time, Circle Time, Music, Gym, Religion, Focus Skills and Concept Time, Spanish, Art, Snack, Let's Find Out, Show and Tell and Story Time.

Lunch Bunch was initially started as a service to our parents about 15 years ago. Since that time, we have come to realize the benefits to the children: increased confidence, better socialization, making healthy food choices and improved mealtime manners. The children seem to make their "best" friends during Lunch Bunch. Something about sitting across from your friends, sharing a meal and then having choices in playtime afterwards helps solidify these friendships.

This year we have added a Preschool Day Camp, for three days a week, starting at the end of August. This will allow Preschool Children to start school about the same time as their older siblings and give them a head start on the year.

I hope this letter and the handbook help those parents who have questions about our program. Remember, we have an open door policy and hope that you will feel "at home" in our classroom. If you ever have a question or comment, please do not hesitate to call me. Also, if you ever would like to have a conference, or just a chat, with one of the teachers or myself, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Patricia Walters, Director

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