

St. Thomas More School
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Early Childhood Programs for 3 & 4 Year Olds

The St. Thomas More Early Childhood curriculum enhances and engages the child's cognitive, language, social, emotional, physical and creative development by integrating the content into learning centers. Our major goal is to provide children with a strong developmental program. Our program addresses the following areas of development:

- **Cognitive Growth** – Daily activities promote independent thinking, problem solving and readiness skills. Activities include use of manipulatives, patterning, investigations and exploration, creative expression, making comparisons, categorizing objects, number sense and emerging reading concepts.
- **Physical Growth** – Children have opportunities to practice and hone fine and large motor skills. Exercising abilities in coordination such as hopping, balancing, ball handling and musical rhythm build large motor competence. Through handling manipulative objects, puzzles, art and writing utensils, and modeling dough, fine motor dexterity is sharpened.
- **Language Growth** – Through dramatic play, ample books, reading and writing opportunities, listening skills practice, and collaboration with peers, the program fosters language skills. Children strengthen language capabilities through interactions with each other and adults in the center-based classroom.
- **Social/Emotional Growth** – Children develop an awareness of self, family and community. The program builds a positive self-concept through interactions with classmates and teachers. Social skills are coached and modeled, as well as reinforced through Christian values and principles.

“More Little Angels” 3 Year Old Preschool and 4 Year Old Kindergarten Programs

Every effort is made to meet each child's individual needs allowing him/her to develop and learn to the best of their ability. We always remember that they are children and this is a special growing time. Parental involvement is very important and encouraged in the Pre and 4K programs. Classes are small, and the teacher is degreed and state certified and assisted by an experienced aide.

The program schedule will be planned to provide a flexible balance of active and quiet activities, along with individual and group activities to teach basic skills and prepare the children to move on to the next level of school. During free-choice time, the children may choose from a variety of activities including: housekeeping, dress-up, dramatic play, small and large muscle development (manipulating toys, puzzles, play dough, balls, outdoor play, etc.) art, sensory table, etc. Group activities include music and movement, sharing, games, cooking projects, story time, drama, daily snack time, and occasional field trips (4/K only). In addition, every other week, basic computer skills are taught in the school computer lab, and children will visit the school library for stories and time to look at books. The 3/Pre and 4/K programs run concurrently with the regular school year. (Days/times may vary from year to year; call school for updated schedule.)

Age requirements:

- 4 year old Kindergarten: Child must be 4 by September 1st of year entering the program
 - 3 year old Preschool: Child must be 3 by September 1st of year entering the program
- (Registrations accepted starting in the spring prior to enrollment; contact the school for forms.)

Programs Days/Times for 2010-2011:

- 4 year old Kindergarten: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:15 to 12:30
- 3 year old Preschool: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:15 to 11:00

Tuition Rates for 2010-2011:

- 4 year old Kindergarten: \$1000
 - 3 year old Preschool: \$725
- (Contact the school office for information on payment plan options available.)