

Questions you may have about St. Mary Child Care Center and Preschool...

Q. Where are you located?

A. St. Mary Child Care Center and Preschool is located at 130 West Cedar Street in Platteville in the lower level of St. Mary Church

Q. Who may attend the center?

A. The center welcomes children 2 ½ years to 13. We are open to the community of Platteville and the surrounding area and is non- denominational.

Q. How is the center regulated?

A. St. Mary Child Care Center and Preschool is licensed by the state of Wisconsin with licensing for no more than 30 children. We follow all of the licensing rules set forth by the state of Wisconsin.

Q. Are the teachers and staff properly trained?

A. YES! All teachers and staff must meet the education and experience qualification as set forth by state licensing rules prior to obtaining a position at the center. A physical exam, shaken baby training, CPR/AED training and a background check are required for employment.

Q. What are your hours of operation and which days do you operate?

A. The center opens at 6:30 am and closes at 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. We run a year round program. We are closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, and July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Q. How many children can attend?

A. We have a maximum of 30 children attending the center. Also a maximum of 18 children every morning.

Q. How many/teachers/caregivers will be staffing at the Center?

A. This depends on the number and ages of children enrolled, but there are usually no more than 8 children per teacher.

Q. What programs are offered?

A. Preschool: Two, three, or five mornings per week from 8:30-11:00 am.

Ages 2 ½ to 5 years old

Child Care: Monday through Friday, 6:30 am-5:30 pm

Ages 2 ½ to 13 years

School Age programming

Ages 4-13 years

Drop in Care and Early Release Care

Same as child care, the child must be pre-registered to utilize drop in care; \$10.00 per session for early release care.

Q. Would a child enrolled in the Child Care Program automatically participate in the morning preschool program?

A. YES....at no EXTRA cost!!!

Q. What skills and concepts are taught at preschool?

A. Of course, children are learning through their play and through all daily experiences at the Center, but we do plan about 45 minutes each morning and afternoon when the children participate in teacher-directed activities. Stories, art and music and movement are daily occurrences at our school. Jolly Phonics is incorporated daily as well as many learning toys and activities. Structured group time is used to teach and reinforce math concepts, language and reading readiness, science and social studies.

We also stress the development of appropriate social skills. Children are encouraged to display respect to others, cooperate together, helpfulness and sharing. Building an attitude of self-reliance and a positive self-concept are encouraged.

Q. How much does it cost?

A. A \$50.00 registration fee per child is collected annually to cover the cost of classroom supplies. The fee schedule is attached. The registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE!

Q. What does my child need to bring with them to preschool?

A. At the beginning of the school year each child will need what is listed on the school supply sheet. Sheet is attached.

All forms must be returned to the center prior to school starting. Each child will also need a medical check-up signed by a medical professional for children under the age of 5 and every 2 years after.

Q. What are the required forms?

A. We are required to have on file for each child enrolled: an enrollment form, immunization record, health form, health history and emergency care plan and alternate arrival/release (for children who attend before and after school).

Q. How do I sign my child up?

A. Simply phone the Director at the center at 608-348-3447. You will be asked your child's name, birthdate, parent's names, address, phone number, and which program you would like to enroll in. An appointment will be made for you to tour the center and meet with the director. The Registration fee (per child) should be remitted with the registration form and is NON REFUNDABLE.

Thank You for considering St. Mary Child Care Center and Preschool