

A Typical Preschool Day

Welcome Students to the Classroom

Social Play

Prayers

Pledge of Allegiance

Calendar (Month, Date, Day)

Weather

Bible Story

Circle Time

Language Arts: Table work: letter of the week with worksheets; mazes, connect the dots, matching, sequence, patterns such as find the missing picture, same, different, opposites, positions (up/down, over, under, etc.) and sizes (small, medium and large)

Creative Activities: Art projects relating to our weekly theme or letter of the week

Math (counting) and Science (tornadoes, volcanoes, planting seeds)

Music/Movement

Outdoor/Indoor play

Snack

Dismissal

Each day we read and reflect upon a children's Bible story; every Wednesday we have a formal Religion Lesson. Every other week, we visit the Library for story time.

All students have "jobs" that change weekly so they get their turn being responsible for a specific task: Line Leader, Caboose (Line Ender), Flag Holder, Brown Envelope (dropping and picking up from the office) and Door Holder.

St. Timothy's School Numbers: (703)378-6932/(703)378-9408; Fax (703)378-1273. Please check our website for up-to-date news and information: <http://sainttimothyschool.org>. Please read the Student Handbook very carefully, sign and return the paper to school.

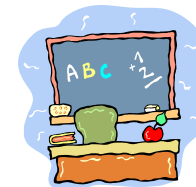
Welcome to St. Timothy's 4 Year Old Program

St. Timothy School is a parochial school whose prime sponsor is St. Timothy Parish. The school was originally opened in the fall of 1981 and expanded to include a preschool in the fall of 2004 with a staff of highly qualified teachers.

At St. Timothy's Preschool we offer the perfect balance of learning and play in a safe, nurturing, and fun environment; happy learners learn fast. Our curriculum prepares our students for kindergarten by helping them develop intellectually (language arts), socially (playing with friends), academically (math and science), and spiritually (daily Bible stories, prayers and a weekly religion lesson). Parents receive updates on progress along with ideas on how to continue the learning process at home. Every effort is made to help your child grow and develop as a good Christian citizen. We believe that a strong partnership, built on open communication between school and parents, is essential for the success of every child at St. Timothy's Preschool.

Preschool is a unique, first experience for the students as well as for the parents. Since the academic program is only a three-hour class (morning or afternoon), we plan a very busy, structured schedule, which will help your child to transition easily between home and school. As our four-year-old preschool program is also preparation for kindergarten, it is very important that together, teachers and parents contribute as positively as possible to the future success of our young children.

We are happy that you have selected St. Timothy's Preschool as the first learning experience for your child. It is our pleasure to work with you as your child embarks on a remarkable journey of tradition, learning, discipline and faith.



General Information

4 year old program options (students must be 4 by Sept. 30)		
3 mornings/week	Mon/Wed/Fri AM	\$230/mo for ten months
5 mornings/week	Mon through Fri AM	\$360/mo for ten months
5 afternoons/week	Mon through Fri PM	\$360/mo for ten months
3 full days/week	Mon/Wed/Fri Full Day	\$370/mo for ten months
5 full days/week	Mon through Fri Full Day	\$580/mo for ten months
5 mornings AND 2 afternoons/week	Mon-Fri AM and Tues/Thur Full Day	\$460/mo for ten months
5 mornings AND 3 afternoons/week	Mon-Fri AM and Mon/Wed Fri. Full Day	\$500/mo for ten months

The Extended Day Program for four year-olds is a new program being offered to our four year old A.M. students for the first time in 2009-10 in response to an increase in requests. It will begin at 8:15 and end at 3:15. Students will bring a lunch from home and have a rest time. This full day program will afford them the opportunity to go to our art program, our science lab and engage in more extensive gross motor and themed learning activities.

Consider the following facts:

- A child's brain develops most rapidly from birth to age 4;
- 50% of a child's intelligence is acquired by age 4 and 80% by age 8;
- By age 5, the child's basis of mental health will be established;
- By age 5, the child's personality, self-concept, and emotional development will be almost complete;
- A child needs to be able to speak 3,000 to 6,000 words and understand 20,000 plus to successfully start school. A small investment in preschool can prevent learning and possible emotional problems later. (*The Magical Years*, Ruth Bowdoin, 1989).

All 4-year old preschoolers should be potty trained. Please label all your child's clothing, especially art smocks and a change of clothes (including socks and underwear), which stays in the classroom. **We are a NUT FREE preschool.** We highly encourage parents to pack healthy snacks and drinks from home. Please ensure your child eats before coming to school. We have been notified by the Department of Health that the parents should date ALL snacks on a daily basis. This may be accomplished by replacing a dated piece of masking tape on the inside of the lunch bag daily.

Uniform information for our preschoolers is available on-line. Please check the website and handbook to be sure that your child is wearing the appropriate uniform. Due to safety concerns, we ask that all students wear close-toed shoes, e.g., tennis shoes. No umbrellas please.

SUPPLIES: Change of clothes (each item labeled); Art Smock (old, big T-shirt); Nap Mat (Extended Day Only-available for purchase at school); regular size backpack (no wheels); 2 boxes gallon size zip lock storage bags; 2 bottles liquid antibacterial soap; 4 containers table wipes (Clorox); 4 containers antibacterial hand wipes; 4 glue sticks (Elmers); 1 box 24 count Crayola crayons; 1 box 8 count magic markers; 1 package 9X12 construction paper; 2 washable 8-color paint palettes; last name beginning with Letter A-L, please send in 1 box of tissue; last name beginning with Letter M-Z, please send in 1 bag of cotton balls.

Please see the school nurse if your child is required to take any type of medication during the school day, including over the counter medications. This also includes any type of lip balm or skin product. Children's make-up and topical lotions or creams should stay home. If your child is sick, do not send him/her to school. This includes children who have an upset stomach, runny nose, cold, fever, sore throat, rash, swollen glands, diarrhea, earache, cough, pink eye, and other contagious diseases. It is neither fair for other students nor for the teachers and aides.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and an End of the Year Graduation party. Parents are able to attend parties. Our parties will be organized by our Room Mothers. If desired, each child's birthday will be celebrated in the classroom with parents.

Routine tasks such as toileting (flushing toilet and washing hands), eating (snack), dressing (jackets, hats, mittens) are incorporated into the program as a means of furthering children's learning, self-help and social skills. Parents are expected to assist and cooperate with staff to make these skills a positive experience. BULLYING is prohibited in any shape or form.

Teachers are available throughout the school year to keep the lines of communication open in the best interest of the students. Our scheduled conference is the 2nd week of November. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to use e-mail, send in a note, or leave a phone message. Your child's teacher will get back with you.

Regular attendance in the program is highly encouraged for setting the groundwork for a successful school experience. Students WILL NOT BE RELEASED to anyone other than the parents, unless we have WRITTEN permission from the parents stating the date, time and name of person/s picking up the student.

For the first week of school only, parents should walk their child into the classroom and pick them up from the classroom. Beginning with the second week, parents will follow the regular carpool line. For everyone's safety and protection, please respect all teachers and parent volunteers who are directing traffic. We ask for your complete attention and cooperation; no cell phones please.

Please walk quietly through the hallways and ensure that all siblings do so. To avoid any accidents, please pull your daughter's hair back as we use scissors, glue and glitter for art projects. A Friday Folder goes home every Friday that has all of your child's work from the week and other information from the school. The Folder should be returned to school on Monday. Preschoolers are allowed to bring toys from home, but only for the purpose of show and tell. Please be sure that they are not bringing additional toys to school with them.

St. Timothy School follows Fairfax County Public Schools closings in case of inclement weather. Please check our website: <http://sainttimothyschool.org> and listen to WMAL radio station for instructions on delayed opening, closing and early closing. Please check our handbook for further details regarding delayed openings and early closings.



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