



St. Philip Neri
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Playing! Learning! Growing!
In the Joy of God's Love

In happy moments, **praise God**
In difficult moments, **seek God**
In quiet moments, **worship God**
In painful moments, **trust God**
Every moment, **thank God**
- unknown

Our Mission

We believe that each child is unique and is a special gift from God. We focus on developing social and school behaviors in a nurturing Christian environment while gently guiding each child to his/her potential spiritually, socially, and academically. Preschool is a time for rapid growth and development. It is a time for preparation for future success in school and in life. We want each child's first experience with school to be a positive one, and we look forward to helping them succeed on this life long journey!

Testimonials

As you release the tiny hand of your precious child you may wonder as I did, will they be ok? Then their tiny hand is greeted by the exceptional teachers at SPNCDC as they welcome your child into their first school experience with love, enthusiasm, and kindness.

- Amy S.

The staff's love and passion for teaching and their students is so apparent! The curriculum is truly fabulous, with a focus on faith. In addition, it is clear that self-discipline, kindness, empathy, and compassion are major focuses at SPN.

- Sarah C.

When you start to think about sending your child off to preschool every parent wants a loving, warm, supportive, and educational environment and SPNCDC is that and more!

- Lydia M.

Two Year Old Classes



Two year olds are like sponges; soaking up everything around them experiencing many firsts. This is a very exciting time in a child's life and we are blessed to have them with us!

- Children learn through play and work towards independence.
- Showing respect and concern for others and the things around them.
- Children participate in age appropriate activities developing fine and gross motor skills, as well as academics (identifying their name, colors, shapes, animals, body parts, and more).



Three Year Old Classes

The three year old classrooms give children the opportunity to practice their new found independence, while still being in the comfort of a loving and nurturing classroom environment.

- Children are given lots of opportunities to play and build meaningful relationships with their friends and teachers.
- Children are expected to be potty trained when entering the three year old class and they will continue to work on independent bathroom habits during the school day.
- Children learn to hold a pencil and scissors correctly, work on name recognition, the beginning stages of writing letters and their own name, alphabet recognition and identification, calendar concepts, identifying shapes and colors, counting and recognizing numbers.



Four Year Old Classes



The four year old classes provide a kindergarten readiness program that encourages creativity and meaningful play experiences while children grow in academics. We strive to provide a loving, caring, and stimulating environment to prepare our children for their journey through school!

- Children are encouraged to build social relationships and will be given many opportunities to work in small groups and independently.
- Children will learn to write their name, recognize/identify/write the alphabet and numbers, begin pre-reading skills, and they will begin to work on basic sight words. Children will recognize ordinals, shapes, colors, patterns, and body parts. They will learn rhyming words and opposites, compare sizes, and sequence.
- Classrooms have smart boards that will be utilized by teachers/children, incorporating technology into their everyday lessons making learning fun and interactive!



Reading Enrichment

Reading enrichment gives children the opportunity to explore many types of literature and interact with books in engaging ways! Children will focus on:

- Upper and lower case letter recognition and identification.
- Recognizing and identifying the letters in their names and practice writing their names.
- Sequencing and retelling stories while identifying the story elements (characters, setting, problem, and solution), and making connections with the text.

Music

Our music teacher creates a fun filled music program enjoyed by everyone. Children will:

- Experiment with various props, and instruments to make learning fun and encourage movement.
- Learn different styles of music incorporating counting, adding, subtraction, colors, body parts, and more to reinforce what the children are learning in their classrooms.
- Participate in two song programs (Christmas and Spring Graduation).

Computer

Our computer teacher builds age appropriate computer skills where children are introduced to the parts of a computer and the rules for using a computer. Children will:

- Learn mouse skills
- Play games incorporating music & art, while others are more academically challenging supporting what is being taught in the classrooms.
- Gain additional benefits such as eye/hand coordination, critical fine motor skills, spacial awareness, taking turns, working independently, listening and following directions.

Let Me Be A Child

Let me know when I make you proud. And help me to have pride in my own accomplishments. Let me earn your trust. Then trust me. I won't let you down. Let me try my wings. If I fail, let me know it's OK. And encourage me to try again. Let me know you love me. With a hug. Or a pat on the back. Or, when I need it, with a firm but gentle "no." Let me be. Let me change. Let me grow. Let me tell you when I'm feeling bad. Or angry. Even at you. And let me know that even on my worst days, you still like me. Let me run...let me laugh...let me play. And most of all, let me be a child.

- Anonymous



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