

## OBJECTIVES:

The Early Childhood years are a gift of time which enable young children to experience the joy of being created and uniquely gifted by a loving Father.



The Early Childhood Program at St. Thomas of Villanova provides the following:



Growth in awareness of the Father's love as experienced in family, parish and community.



Developing awareness that he/she is a child of God and will grow in His love.



Development of a positive self-image.



Development of social-interdependence with adults and peers.



Experiences that allow growth.



Use of concrete materials and "Hands-On" experiences to facilitate learning through discovery.



## WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING...

**I'm happy that I chose  
St. Thomas of Villanova  
Preschool because...**

...it is a fun and caring place where our child is receiving a quality Catholic education and a great start to her academic experience.

...the Preschool is reinforcing the values we teach at home.

...like her two older siblings that also went to the preschool, she comes home smiling everyday.

...my daughter is getting a wonderful understanding of her faith and God, even at four years old.

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*Pre-application visits  
can be arranged*

# St. Thomas of Villanova Preschool



**NEW EXTENDED HOURS!**

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## HISTORY

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish opened its first Pre-school in September, 1981 as an outreach ministry to the community. Since then it has grown to become a self-supporting program.

The present facility, "Mary's House" was opened in January 1996 as a result of the growth and commitment to a quality Catholic Early Childhood Program.

## ADMISSION

St. Thomas of Villanova Preschool accepts children three to five years of age. Our preschool admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities made available to the children at our school. Similar policies apply to the school staff



## SCHOOL DAY HOURS

Open September through May  
8:20AM-11:35 AM-3 yr olds  
8:20 AM-11:45 AM-4 yr olds

## CLASSES AVAILABLE

3 Day Threes                      3 by Sept. 1st  
5 Day Threes (Mon-Fri)        3 by Sept 1st  
3 Day Fours                        4 by Sept. 1st  
5 Day Fours (Mon-Fri)        4 by Sept 1st

Parents are always welcome and are especially encouraged to participate in our special events and activities.

## CLASS SCHEDULE:

8:20am 8:45am                      ARRIVAL  
8:45am 9:00am                      GATHERING ACTIVITY  
9:00am 9:15am                      CIRCLE TIME  
9:15am 9:30am                      RELIGION  
9:30am 10:00am                      SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES  
(Language Arts, Math, Fine & Gross Motor Skills)  
10:00am 10:30am                      SNACK/RECESS  
10:30am 11:15am                      SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES  
(Social Studies, Science, Art and Music)  
11:15am 11:35am                      STORY  
11:35am 11:45am                      DISMISSAL

## EXTENDED/FULL DAY HOURS:

11:45am 12:00pm                      LARGE MOTOR ACTIVITY  
12:00pm 12:45pm                      LUNCH  
12:45pm 1:00pm                      LIBRARY & DISMISSAL  
1:00pm 2:00pm                      ENRICHMENT CLASSES  
OR COMPUTER & LARGE MOTOR ACTIVITY  
2:00pm 3:00pm                      ART ACTIVITY/CENTERS  
3:00pm 3:15pm                      STORY/DISSMISSAL

## FULL DAY HOURS

3:15pm 3:30pm                      SNACK  
3:30pm 4:40pm                      REST TIME  
(Quiet Activities/Books)  
4:30pm 5:15pm                      LARGE MOTOR ACTIVITIES  
5:15pm 5:30pm                      CENTERS  
5:30pm 5:45pm                      STORY/DISSMISSAL



## DAILY SCHEDULE

The daily schedule is structured enough to provide the children with a familiarity of a routine yet maintains the flexibility to adjust the class's individual needs.

Through the guidance and dedication of our faculty and staff we strive to build a safe and loving environment that encourages socialization, creativity, experimentation and an eagerness to learn, play and work together.

Developmentally appropriate programs are designed to make learning enjoyable. A well supervised extended day program is also offered on-site to the children.



## STAFF

Our teachers are college graduates and/or certified in education. Our assistants and aides have had much experience in early childhood education.



*"Research confirms that a child's most influential years of learning occur before the age of 5. Children grow and learn more during the early years of life than during any other period, and parents play a vital role in helping their children lay a firm foundation for all which follows."*