



St. John's - Lamb's Lot Preschool

## Class Descriptions

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### **Preschool:** *Children who will be three years old before August 31<sup>st</sup>*

St. John's believes that development takes place throughout the child's day. Whether the child is at preschool or at home, every moment of the day has a purpose. Our preschool curriculum is set up to expose children to a wide variety of learning styles and concepts. "Play with a purpose" is the primary concept on which our preschool curriculum is based. We believe that this type of play is the child's most valuable learning tool and the means to developing self-awareness, confidence, and problem solving skills. In the classroom, the children learn through structured activities, classroom projects, and self-regulated play with peers. We strive to foster and encourage each child's natural progression of development, while exposing them to a language rich environment in the areas of beginning math concepts, fine motor activities, gross motor activities, art, dramatic play, bible stories, music, and social interactions.

### **Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K):** *Children who will be four years old before August 31<sup>st</sup>*

Pre-Kindergarten is designed to offer children the academic and biblical foundations needed to be successful learners. Academic concepts such as counting, letters, numbers, and writing are introduced using multi-sensory approaches. As the natural progression of development occurs, we focus on the child's individual growth and development. We encourage the children to explore their environment and begin to cultivate their love of learning at an early age. Our language rich environment supports all learners by stating and demonstrating the expectations for classroom behavior and introducing concepts that will lay the foundation for their school experience. In the classroom, we nurture and encourage each child's natural progression, using evidence-based materials such as Handwriting without Tears and "standardized development" to form our curriculum.

### **Junior Kindergarten (Jr-K):** *Children who will be five years old before November 30<sup>th</sup>.*

Junior Kindergarten is designed for students who may be of chronological age to enter kindergarten, but would benefit from a "year of grace" to grow and mature. It is an intentionally designed learning environment that mimics the Kindergarten classroom, but allows time to explore topics of interest more deeply, while eliminating the expectation that the child must master all of the concepts. The Junior Kindergarten learning environment is primarily academic and includes weekly enrichment opportunities in fine arts, music, computers, and science in addition to our regular daily program. Our goal is to provide the children with practice and exposure using multi-sensory techniques to continue to promote their academic skills, self-regulation, and social interaction with peers, and meet standards of Kindergarten readiness.