

Facts About Our Early Childhood Program:

- Faith-based
- Social Skills
- Reading Readiness
- Learning with Technology
- Math Skills with Manipulatives
- Caring Teachers
- Art & Music
- Hands-on with Science
- Middle States Accredited



What the Academy at Saint Mary Means to Me!

"Family and tradition. For us, Saint Mary is a family and for over 75 years our family has been a part of the Saint Mary tradition. The School, while promoting spiritual growth, is grounded in the highest educational standards. The teachers are consummate professionals and the families are caring and committed. In this day and age, it is great to say that we feel secure and at home when we come to school and we're proud that all of us have grown through what we've learned and the family we've made at Saint Mary."

— Bobbi Weigel, Parent & Alumnus

"For the past five years The Academy at Saint Mary has been a second home for my children. It has given them the foundation to build a bright future, and has allowed them to grow not only intellectually but spiritually. In addition to the excellent academics, my children and I have built friendships that will last a lifetime."

-Lisa DiDomenico, Parent



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Our Philosophy

The essence of our philosophy for Early Childhood Education is to foster Catholic values in a loving and caring atmosphere.

It is our hope that children will feel safe, nurtured, happy and secure in a risk-free environment.

We believe that each child is a unique individual with special talents and abilities, and we recognize and respect the beauty of diversity.

We believe our responsibility is to build a Christian foundation for future lifelong learning in a global society by nurturing the seeds of faith.

We are committed to making the first school experience a successful and positive one which will lead to independence and fulfillment.



Our Goals

1. To provide opportunities in a loving environment to enable children to open their minds and hearts to the way of Jesus.
2. To develop in children a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development.
3. To enhance in children a sense of their own self-worth, while enabling them to acknowledge and appreciate others as unique individuals in a multi-cultural society.
4. To encourage parents to develop a partnership of service, community and worship with children.

Our Pre-School Program

The Pre-School Program at The Academy at Saint Mary recognizes the importance of the child's pre-school experience as essential for future learning. We recognize that many pre-schoolers experience separation anxieties, have varied experiential backgrounds and are at different levels of readiness. At The Academy at Saint Mary, we provide an atmosphere that allows each child to develop and flourish at his/her own pace.

Our school has a quality program that aims to contribute to all facets of the child's development: cognitive, social, emotional, physical and most especially, spiritual. We try to challenge and enrich all aspects of the child's potential. Our program hopes to develop religious awareness capitalizing on the children's natural sensitivity and wonder. Our program will draw the children to know and love God by focusing on the world God has created. As they study and experience the wonder of creation, the children will come to realize not only the goodness, power and wisdom of God but God's love for them.

Our Pre-School Program offers instruction in Language, Science, Social Studies, Art and Music. We encourage interaction and hands-on experiences in a multi-sensory fashion. We also equip the children with a good foundation in Beginning Reading/Phonics, Writing and Mathematics. Physical Education classes are held once a week. Our Pre-School also introduces the children to computers and the use of age appropriate software.



Our Program Options

We offer a Pre-K3 and a Pre-K4 Program.

The Pre-K3 Program Includes:

- 5-1/2 Day Option
- 5-Full Day Option
- 3-Full Day Option

The Pre-K4 Program Includes:

- 5-1/2 Day Option
- 5-Full Day Option

1/2 Day Option Hours are:

- 8:00am -11:30am

Full Day Option Hours are:

- 8:00am -2:30pm



Our Academy at Saint Mary

Throughout its years The Academy at Saint Mary has remained a vital part of Rutherford and Saint Mary Parish. It succeeds now as it did in 1916 in instilling in its students a love of God and a love of learning. With the help of God and the love and support of its Principal, teachers, students, families and parish, it will continue to do well into the future. We were accredited as an Academy in October of 2009. We are currently Middle States Accredited.
