

Facts About Our Early Childhood Program:

- Faith-based and values-based education
- Social skills development
- Reading readiness
- Learning with technology
- Math skills with manipulatives
- Art & Music classes
- Hands-on with science activities
- Educational field trips
- Caring teachers and staff
- Collaboration with older classes
- Middle States Accredited
- Before-care & After-care available



What are Parents Saying?

"I am thrilled with my decision to send my child to The Academy at Saint Mary. The faculty, staff and administration go above and beyond to make each family feel welcomed. Teachers have created a classroom environment that is nurturing and focuses on hands-on learning that impresses me every day. My child has blossomed since the beginning of the school year. She enjoys going to school every day."

— Alyssa D'Amico, Pre-K3 parent

"My son loves his Pre-K4 experience at The Academy at St. Mary, from the teachers to his classmates to the activities that take place in the classroom and beyond. He is excited to go to school each morning and has so much to share when he comes home."

— Eric Couillard, Pre-K4 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.

We work daily to ensure that children 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 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 for each child.



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.
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Our Early Childhood Program

The Early Learning Program at The Academy at Saint Mary recognizes the importance of a child's pre-school experience as essential for future learning. We recognize that many pre-school children 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 your child's development: cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and most especially, spiritual. We strive to challenge and enrich all aspects of the child's potential. Our program aims to develop religious awareness capitalizing on each child's natural sensitivity and wonder. Our program draws 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 also 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 children with a good foundation in Beginning Reading/Phonics, Writing and Mathematics, while Physical Education classes are held once per week. Our Pre-School also introduces the children to computers and the use of age-appropriate software.



Our Program Options

We offer Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 Programs.

Pre-K3:

- 5-day half-day option
- 5-day full-day option
- 3-day full-day option

Pre-K4:

- 5-day half-day option
- 5-day full-day option

Half-day: 8:00am - 11:30am

Full-day: 8:00am - 2:30pm

Before-care & After-care also available



Our Academy at Saint Mary

Throughout its years, The Academy at Saint Mary has remained a vital part of Rutherford and the Saint Mary Parish. We succeed now as we did in 1916, by instilling in our students a love of God coupled with a love of learning. With the help of God and the love and support of our principal, teachers, students, families and parish, we will continue to excel into the future. We were accredited as an Academy in October of 2009 and are Middle States Accredited.
