

Come find our why St. Mary's School is

## **A GREAT PLACE TO GROW**

St. Mary's offers an early childhood program for children three, four and five years of age. The goal of the school is to promote the spiritual, social, emotional and intellectual development of each child in a nurturing atmosphere with Catholic values.



### **High Academic Standards**

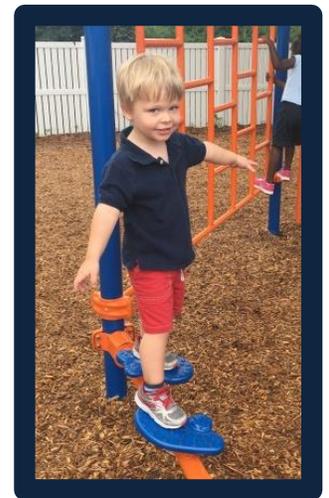
St. Mary's Preschool follows the rigorous academic standards of the Archdiocese of Washington. We use the Big Day for Pre-K Curriculum to achieve those standards. Personalized instruction is provided on a daily basis so that each child receives a challenging and engaging education.

At St. Mary's we fully support play-based learning. Our students leave the Prekindergarten program equipped to take on the challenges of Kindergarten.

### **Educating the Whole Child**

We focus on more than rigorous academics by affording our students the opportunity to learn confidence, independence, and resilience. We love seeing the smiles on our students' faces when they master a new skill or overcome an obstacle. Our goal is to help each child grow their sense of self-worth and well-being and always encourages the positive “I

can” attitude.



### **The Joy of Learning**

At St. Mary's we want our preschoolers to know the joys of learning and discovery. We believe learning takes place both in and out of the classroom. Field trips allow our students to make connections between their classroom learning and their world. Our tuition at St. Mary's School is all inclusive; there is never an additional field trip cost, technology fee or book bill. We set up our classrooms so that each student can

make their own discoveries about the things that interest them. Each of our classrooms has a designated "science-space" with rotating tools, books, and opportunities to explore.

## Experienced Teachers

Our goal is to use our love of teaching to foster a love of learning in our students. Our preschool teachers have an average of ten years' experience in the classroom. They've seen trends in early education shift over the years, but understand the need to focus on educating the whole child and how to do that. In addition to the teacher, each preschool classroom has a minimum of one teaching assistant. Our prekindergarteners also visit weekly with the librarian, technology specialist, music teacher and physical education instructor.



## School Pride & Lasting Friendships



At St. Mary's School, we want our littlest learners to know they are a valued and full member of our school. Our prekindergarten classes participate in all developmentally-appropriate, school-wide functions including assemblies, spirit activities, field day and religious celebrations. Our prekindergarten students wear their school uniforms proudly. We know that a key part of early childhood development is social and

emotional growth. We promote positive participation in our school community, respect for fellow students and teachers, and helping one another. At St. Mary's School, we provide a positive learning environment where our students can form lasting friendships.

## A Place for Your Family

When you enroll your student in preschool at St. Mary's School, your whole family becomes part of our community. We have monthly opportunities for our families to gather for social, service or spiritual activities. They include Parent Coffees, Family Movie Nights, Fall Festival, Grandparent's Day, Family Lunch, St. Nicholas Festival, Multi-Cultural Celebration, May Crowning, Popsicle Social, Father Daughter Dance, Greg Gannon Food Drive and Muffins with Mom.

