

# Half Day Preschool

School Year Program



## Age Requirement 3 years old (by September 1) to 5 years old

Our Half Day Preschool program offers project-based learning and engages children in real-life experiences inspired by their interests. Our highly qualified teachers provide a solid educational foundation with a balance of guided and free play to support children's natural drive for learning.

### SCALE Curriculum:

#### Spiritual and Social-Emotional Learning

Our nurturing, Christian environment fosters the development of social-emotional skills and self-regulation necessary for academic success and lifelong learning.

Children learn negotiation, conflict-resolution, and self-regulation skills through daily choices and respectful interactions with peers and teachers.

#### Communication for Learning

Teachers engage children in meaningful conversations to build vocabulary and ask stimulating questions to obtain information and develop critical thinking.

Children develop literacy skills through book reading, phonological awareness, singing and writing opportunities in a language rich environment.

#### Artistic Endeavors in Learning

Children express their knowledge and represent ideas using a variety of art media, music, drama and construction materials.

Teachers provide open-ended environments, materials and ample time to encourage imaginative play, creative expression and problem-solving skills.

#### Lifestyle and Learning

Children practice autonomy as they master self-help skills and make independent decisions.

Structured physical activities and free play help children develop flexibility, strength, and coordination of large and small muscles.

#### Exploration and Learning

Children participate in projects and use tools and technology (e.g., magnifiers, scales, light tables) to find answers to their questions.

Teachers provide hands-on mathematical and scientific experiences to promote critical thinking, problem-solving and investigation skills.

## program highlights

Ongoing and collaborative relationships with families support children's learning

Daily Jesus time and bi-weekly chapel promote Christian values

Project-based approach to learning allows children to delve deeply into topics of interest

Utilizing Concordia University Chicago's campus for learning opportunities, project work and physical exercise

Outdoor playground and patio areas incorporate natural environment

Ongoing portfolio assessment documents children's progress

Working with Concordia University Chicago professors and students



## details

Program times 9 - 11:30 a.m. /

Extended Day program from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Program days M-F, M/W/F, or T/Th

Program months August-May

Class size Limited to 20 children per classroom with a ratio of 1:10

Meals served Morning snack; lunch in Extended Day program

## learn more

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