



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL
Second Street Pike
Southampton, PA 18966

Pre-Kindergarten Program
Phone 215-357-1300, Extension 130



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Introduction

Our Lady of Good Counsel's Pre-Kindergarten Program has been designed to help promote the spiritual, emotional, physical, intellectual and social growth of young children. In recognizing the crucial importance of the early developmental years, the program strives to meet these developmental needs of your child. A creative learning experience for three and four year olds is presented in a loving atmosphere to serve as a natural stepping stone between the home and the school.

Admission Requirements

Age - Child must be 3 years old by September 1 for Pre-Kindergarten Three Year Old Program
Child must be 4 years old by September 1 for Pre-Kindergarten Four Year Old Program
Children must be toilet trained.

Items or forms required at registration:

- ✧ Birth certificate
- ✧ Copy of complete immunization record
- ✧ Administration fee of \$100 (non-refundable)



Curriculum

The curriculum is paced to the needs and rhythm of our young children. Personal social development is the primary goal for the young children entering pre-school. A "positive self-image" is essential to successful learning. The curriculum will not be centered on very specific subject areas, but rather it will use a "hands on" approach to learning in general.

Daily activities will include:

- Religion Readiness
- Language Development (communication skills, such as speaking, listening, thinking)
- Math Readiness
- Motor Skills (gross and fine)
- Personal and Social Development
- Art, Music and Cooking Experiences and last, but not least -- the most important
- Center Time ("A child's play is work!")



A Sample Schedule of Class Time

PRE SCHOOL DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE

Academic Day Schedule:

- 8:30-9:00** Arrival: Unpack and table activities
- 9:00-9:25** Circle Time: Prayers, Song
Calendar, Weather,
Language Development
- 9:25-9:35** Religion : I am Special/ Academic Intro.
- 9:35-9:50** Table Activities: Readiness skills,
Religion
- 9:50-10:10** Snack: Prayers,
Fine Motor Skill,
Manners.
- 10:10-10:40** Center Activities: Fine Motor Skills,
Gross Motor Skills,
Dramatic Play, and
Creativity.
- 10:40-10:55** Outside Play (weather permitting)
Music & Movement
- 10:55-11:00** Story Time
Listening Skills
- 11:00-11:10** Prepare for Dismissal

Extended Day Schedule:

- 11:20-11:40** Outside Play:
(weather permitting)
Music & Movement
- 11:40-11:50** Lunch Prep:
prayers, fine motor
skill, manners.
- 11:50-12:10** Lunch
- 12:10-12:50** Quiet Time:
On mats, nap/books
- 12:50-1:00** Clean Up
- 1:00-1:30** Lg. Group Act.
(gym, games, large
motor skill)
- 1:30-2:00** Center Activities
- 2:00-2:15** Story Time:
Listening skills
- 2:15-2:25** Prepare for
Dismissal

Arrival and Dismissal

School hours are from 8:30 to 11:10 am and extended day is to 2:30 pm. Please try to bring your child on time so that he/she is not made to feel uncomfortable by arriving after everyone else has become involved in his or her play activities. Parents must arrange transportation. For the safety of the children, please use caution and park only in designated parking lanes when dropping off and picking up your child. When you bring your child into the building, help them get organized as quickly as possible. It is to their best interest that "good-byes" are not drawn out. Each and every child will receive plenty of "TLC" throughout the course of the day. At the close of school, please be prompt in meeting your child. All parents are to wait outside for the children to be dismissed. Please notify the teacher if someone other than the parent will be transporting your child. The teacher will not release a child to an unauthorized person.



School Closings

- ✧ Parents should check their monthly school calendar for days that we may not be in session. In some instances, the Pre-Kindergarten calendar differs somewhat from the Kindergarten and Grade School calendar.
- ✧ If it should be necessary to close the school due to inclement weather, the school will contact local radio and television stations. OLGC's school emergency identification number is 765. Alternately, parents may phone the school at 215-357-1300 and request extension 165 for an up to the minute school closing status report.



Birthdays

Celebrating a birthday in school is an important occasion for your child. It makes the school day very special. In the event that your child does not have a birthday during the school term, a special day can be set aside for them. Speak to the teacher to arrange the day and type of treat. Please, no goodie bags.



Health and Safety

- ✧ The safety of the children will always have the utmost importance. Each child will be under the guidance of the teacher or assistant at all times.
- ✧ The building has been inspected by the Fire Marshall of Southampton Township.
- ✧ The school will keep on file emergency phone numbers. Please keep the school informed if there are any changes in this information. In case of an emergency, a parent will be notified first; if neither parent can be reached, the teacher will contact the emergency number.
- ✧ If a child has a small bathroom mishap, he/she will be changed at school by the teacher or assistant. Please notify the school at once if you object to this. Please send in one complete change of clothing in case of juice spill or bathroom accident. Place the clothing (including shirt, shorts, pants, underwear and socks) in a bag and make sure his/her name is inside the items. Note: you may want to update the clothing as the seasons change.
- ✧ The school will keep a first-aid kit in the building. Please notify the school at once if there is any change in your child's medical history. We have enclosed a Communicable Disease Chart. Please refer to it when your child has come down with an illness listed. If there is a contagious disease in the family and the school child is susceptible, he/she should be kept at home. Use good judgment during the "flu" season.



Equipment

Please label all outdoor clothing and any other personal belongings.

- ✧ **Full-size school bag marked with child's name inside.** This will insure that artwork and messages will be transported safely between home and school. Please check your child's bag every day for these things.
- ✧ "Pre-Kindergarten is Fun" - Children should come to school in their play clothes, so that they can join wholeheartedly in all of our activities. This way they need not worry about getting good clothes dirty. We play and work much of our day on the floor. One-piece jumpsuits and overalls are not encouraged unless a child can manage them in the bathroom.
- ✧ The school will provide each child with their own religion text entitled, *I Am Special*. In addition, each child will receive a monthly issue of *Let's Find Out*.
- ✧ *For extended day students * - Please bring in a sheet/ blanket to be taken home every other weekend. Please label.*



"I Am Special"/Sharing Time

Each child will have the opportunity to be the "Special Friend." During this week, a time is allotted for your child to bring something special into school from home. The teachers strongly suggest that the children try to bring something other than toys (i.e. a souvenir from vacation, a neat book, picture, etc.). The teacher will notify parents ahead of time of the scheduled day. Please leave all other personal possessions at home other days.

Field Trips

Pre K must have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian for each field trip. This includes all walking trips. Without these in advance, your child may not join us on the scheduled trip. Parents must drive their own child on any field trips that require automobile transportation. Archdiocesan regulations state that siblings may not participate in field trips. Please note that Pennsylvania law requires motorists to place all children under the age of four in the back seat in a car or booster seat.

Snacks



A snack will be provided each day at school. If your child has any type of food allergy, please notify the teacher as soon as possible. The snack will consist of a beverage and graham crackers, pretzels, fruit, etc.



Lunch Bunch:

This service is offered for PK-3 and PK-4; schedules will vary according to class. A lunch will be provided by the parents of the child attending the lunch bunch.

Extended day students – Parents are to provide their child's daily lunch to include at the

Parent Teacher Conferences - as needed

"We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. We are looking forward to a terrific year and for this opportunity to work with your child. Thank you for selecting our school for this important part of your child's education!"

Pre K classroom - 215-357-1300 extension # 130

Pre K - Mrs. Linda Gioffre extension #260 - Voice Mail

Principal, Frank S. Mokriski	Extension 104
Administrative Assistant, Debbie Rogers	Extension 117
Secretary, Martha Matysik	Extension 101

Communicable Disease Chart

Disease	Incubation Period (est.)	Communicability Period	Exclusion from School
Chicken Pox	10-20 days	1 to 2 days before onset to 5 to 6 days after first eruption appears	6 days from last new eruption
Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)			24 hours from institution of appropriate therapy
Diphtheria longer	2-5 days or from respiratory tract	Several hours before onset until organism disappears culture	2 weeks from onset or until a negative
German Measles	12-22 days	Unknown, perhaps 1-2 days before - after rash appears	4 days from onset of rash
Hepatitis	2-6 weeks after exposure	2 weeks before onset to 1 week after	Physician's note with date of return
Impetigo & Ringworm			24 hours from institution of appropriate therapy & infected area is covered
Lice			readmitted when nit free
Measles	7-18 days	Day of onset to 5 days after rash appears	4 days from onset of rash
Mumps			9 days from onset or until swelling subsides
Scarlet Fever, Tonsillitis	2-3 days	Onset to recovery	24 hours from institution of appropriate therapy
Whooping Cough	5-14 days	4-6 weeks from onset	4 weeks from onset or 7 days from institution of appropriate therapy.

If a child contracts any of the above diseases, the teacher must be notified. A doctor's written permission is required for re-admission after having any contagious disease.

Our Lady
of
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Preschool

Where the love for God and the love
of learning are child's play!