St. Matthew Community Preschool
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St. Matthew Community Preschool is dedicated to creating a caring Christian environment that fosters friendship, trust and respect for others. Our preschool staff is enthusiastic about encouraging children to realize their value in God's eyes and find joy in learning. Our staff is also committed to providing a stimulating environment in which each child is supported as they grow socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually.

Students in our mixed three/four year old class learn basic concepts and their activities focus on playing and cooperating within a group. The children will be taught how to follow directions, share with others, and work together in group activities. Classroom activities will help them make choices, problem-solve and develop motor skills.

In the Pre-K program, learning center activities are created that require advanced small motor skills such as coloring, drawing, cutting, gluing, and tracing. Occasionally, fun learning pages are used to reinforce proper pencil grip, eye-hand coordination, listening skills and following directions, and continued practice of proper name writing. Limited teacher direction is given. This encourages self-help, emotional maturation and independent thinking. Time is also spent throughout the year on letter recognition and phonemic awareness, but reading is not taught. Pre-K students also continue to spend time on socialization and dramatic play during their two and a half hour class period.

Counting, addition and subtraction skills, numeral, shape and color recognition, positional concepts, experimentation, safety awareness, and artistic expression are a part of both classes. Many opportunities are also provided for large muscle activities as the green space and playground outside is utilized and special activities are set up in the Busy Bee classroom.

Entrance Requirements:
Morning 3 yr. old/4 yr. old mix class: children must be *3yrs. old before Dec. 1st, 2010.*
Afternoon Pre-K class: children must by *4yrs. old before Sept. 1st, 2010.*

Morning class time is 8:00 - 10:30 AM
Afternoon class time is 12:30 - 3:00 PM
Class days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Children enrolling in preschool must be completely potty trained before August 1st.

Limited transportation to and from St. Matthew Community Preschool is available.
Preschool is in session 9 months, September through May. The preschool's calendar will coincide with the St. Charles Public School calendar, including closings, late starts, and early dismissals.

St. Matthew Community Preschool has been providing quality education for St. Charles children for over 25 years.