

LITTLE TIGER PROGRAM

2025-26

PHILOSOPHY

Little Tigers Preschool at St. Bernard School is a community in which children, learning, and ideas are nurtured and celebrated. We provide quality early childhood educational experiences that reflect the importance of integrating our Catholic faith into daily life. Our developmentally-appropriate curriculum fosters spiritual, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of the whole child in a comfortable and stimulating environment.

PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM GOALS

At St. Bernard, we structure age-appropriate experiences in a Catholic environment that further enhances and facilitates the growth and development of each child. We strive to:

- Integrate the Catholic faith in all learning experiences to enhance spiritual, social, and emotional development.
- Teach children to model Christian behavior in every aspect of their lives and provide a sense of self-worth as one of God's children.
- Strive to build characteristics of successful learners by developing social and self-help skills through per group interactions that practice cooperation, sharing, and making friends.
- Foster an understanding of how to succeed in a classroom environment by guiding children to follow simple directions and classroom rules, respect teachers, others and self, and maintain attention span.
- Embrace the natural learning process through curiosity and enthusiasm inherent in all young children through a variety of learning experiences including children's literature, arts and crafts, learning centers, music, movement, creative dramatics, and free play.
- Educate children from the beginning stages of social and emotional development progressing through the development of kindergarten readiness skills.
- Integrate literacy learning and skills from all academic subject areas including math, science, social studies, music, and fine arts.
- Encourage individual expression through language development and creativity.
- Model a cooperative and supportive partnership between children, teachers, and parents, establishing a positive connection between home and school.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM OPTIONS

3 Year Old	Days	AM	Full Day
3 days	M, W, F	8-11 a.m.	N/A
4/5 Year Old	Days	AM	Full Day
3 Days	M, W, F		8-3 p.m
5 days	M-Fr		8-3 p.m.

Full day students will spend afternoons together in specials, snack time, and rest time.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be the required age (3, 4 or 5) by Aug 1, 2025 to qualify for the program. Students must be fully potty trained and up to date on all immunizations.

TUITION

Class	Tuition Per Year
3 Days (Half Day)	\$1,400.00
3 Days (Full Day)	\$2,500.00
5 Days (Full Day)	\$4,000.00

STAFFING

Little Tigers Preschool teachers are experienced in early childhood education and/or have extensive practical experience working with young children.

OTHER

Our Little Tigers would also be included in our lunch program and our After School Care Program as per this handbook.