

Our Philosophy

Our philosophy is influenced by the Reggio Emilia project approach to teaching which features child-directed learning. Children are celebrated as individuals, and their learning is a personal journey supported through a partnership between the child, his/her parents and teachers.

Teachers act as documenters, observers and researchers, and the environment, as a “third teacher”; learning is facilitated through exploration and project work. An emergent curriculum, it builds on the interests, passions and play of children while also encompassing developmentally appropriate concepts and skills. Teachers thoughtfully and purposefully introduce knowledge and materials the children need to grow both academically and emotionally.

“Reggio Emilia’s philosophy of respecting the child as a protagonist, collaborator and communicator in his or her learning resonates with me as both an educator and a mother.”

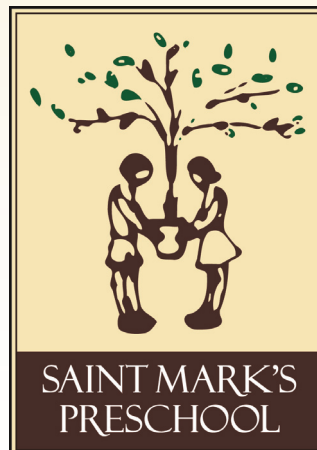
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St. Mark’s Preschool Board Member
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Our Religious Affiliation

St. Mark’s Preschool is a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools. In the Episcopal tradition, our school emphasizes the love for all of God’s children. In keeping with the Vision of St. Mark’s, we believe in inclusiveness and seek diversity as an integral aspect of the preschool experience. Children of all faiths are welcome.

An Episcopal education begins with the premise that we are all explorers, and we invite our families and students to explore and celebrate the differences among us. Parents are always welcome to attend activities that involve the discussion of God at our school.



*Celebrating each child,
each experience, every day.*



*A preschool inspired by the
Reggio Emilia philosophy of
early childhood education.*

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Director & Teachers

Our Director, Meghan Kaplan holds a Masters in Childhood Education from Brooklyn College and has completed the NYC Teaching Fellows Program. She also holds a B.A. in Spanish from Dominican University in River Forest.

Her teaching experience in both kindergarten and first grade makes her adept and committed to teaching the skills preschoolers need to be successful in the “grade school” classroom.

Meghan is a native Chicagoan who comes from a family of educators. Meghan’s creativity, organization and dedication are a real asset to our program. Meghan resides in Wheaton with her husband and son.

We are also very excited to have as part of our teaching team Savannah Stewart who holds a B.S. in Early Childhood Education and Holly Hampson who has a B.A. in Elementary Education. Both teachers bring with them a love of children and lots of enthusiasm.

The Classroom

Our preschool will open in September 2010 with one classroom for three and four year olds. We will have a maximum of fifteen children and a staff of three teachers. Starting in the fall of 2011, we plan to expand to two classrooms serving both three and four year olds.

Our Schedule

Classes will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Our school day begins at 9:15 am and ends at 11:30 am. Our school calendar will be aligned as closely as possible to the Glen Ellyn School District 41 calendar. Our first day of school will be September 14.



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Tuition and Fees

The cost for the school year will be \$2,250 a year (\$250 per month X 9 months). Payment may be made for the full year or in three installments. We are happy to offer a sibling discount.

Frequently asked Questions

Will there be a religious component to the school?

Our students will be introduced to Episcopal values through grace, stories from the Judeo-Christian tradition and visits to our chapel with their teachers and St. Mark’s clergy.

Each activity at the school will celebrate and be respectful of all the children’s faith traditions.

Will my child be kindergarten-ready?

Yes! Enriching and integrated experiences in areas such as art, science, math, literacy, dramatic play and music, in a play and project-based environment, will create a strong foundation for kindergarten.

How do I sign-up my child or get more information?

Please phone the preschool at (630) 858-1020 or email us at preschool@stmarksglenellyn.org. You may also visit our church website at www.stmarksglenellyn.org.