



GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC
PRESCHOOL SERVES CHILDREN
AGES 3 to 5 IN SCHOOL YEAR AND
CALENDAR YEAR CLASSROOMS



We are pilgrims of hope sent forth from His altar to live the Gospel through acts of kindness, compassion, and service. We celebrate our tradition as those ready to be a new generation, taking special care to form our youngest members of the community in the love of Jesus.



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**CHILDREN LEARN BEST
IN A WARM, CARING
ENVIRONMENT.**



**OUR PRESCHOOL IS DESIGNED
TO PROMOTE SOCIAL SKILLS,
INDEPENDENCE, AND
CONFIDENCE THROUGH
HANDS-ON LEARNING
EXPERIENCES.**

**WE PROVIDE AN ENGAGING,
COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT
IN WHICH CHILDREN CAN
DISCOVER THEIR OWN
INTERESTS AND TALENTS AND
TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS.**

**WE WORK WITH FAMILIES
TO DEVELOP A WELL
ROUNDED CHILD WITH A
STRONG CATHOLIC
IDENTITY.**

**OUR PRESCHOOL
PHILOSOPHY**

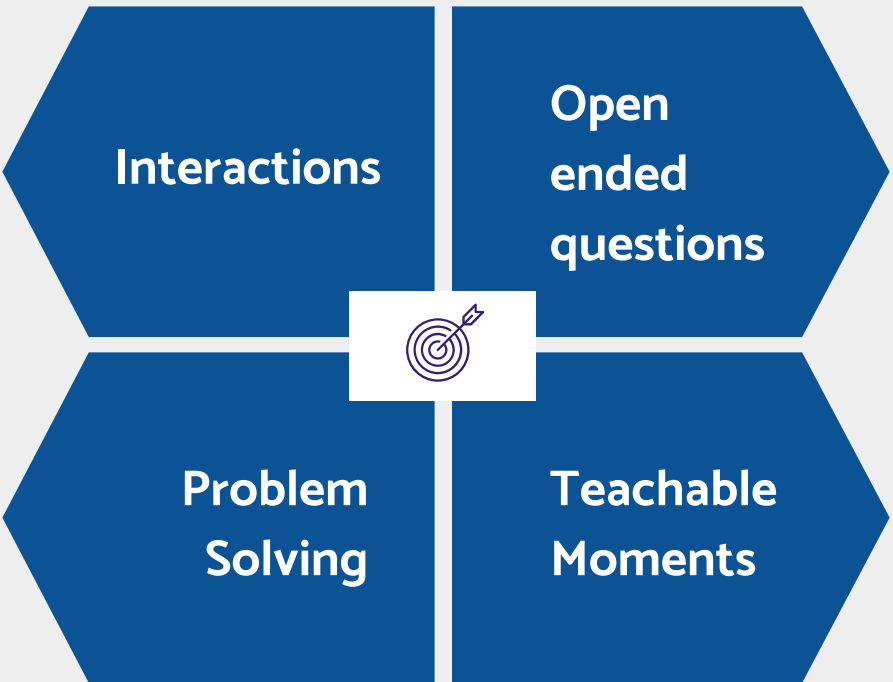




THE CURRICULUM

Our program uses a play-based, child-centered approach to early childhood education. Teachers plan weekly thematic lessons that support development of the whole child-social-emotional, fine motor, large motor, creative, spiritual and academic.

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WHY PLAY?

- **Play** allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength.
- **Play** is important to healthy brain development. It is through **play** that children, at a very early age, engage and interact in the world around them.



CURRICULUM

Developing body awareness and large muscle movement through gym activities, open-ended exploration, and dance.

Music is integral to preschool development.

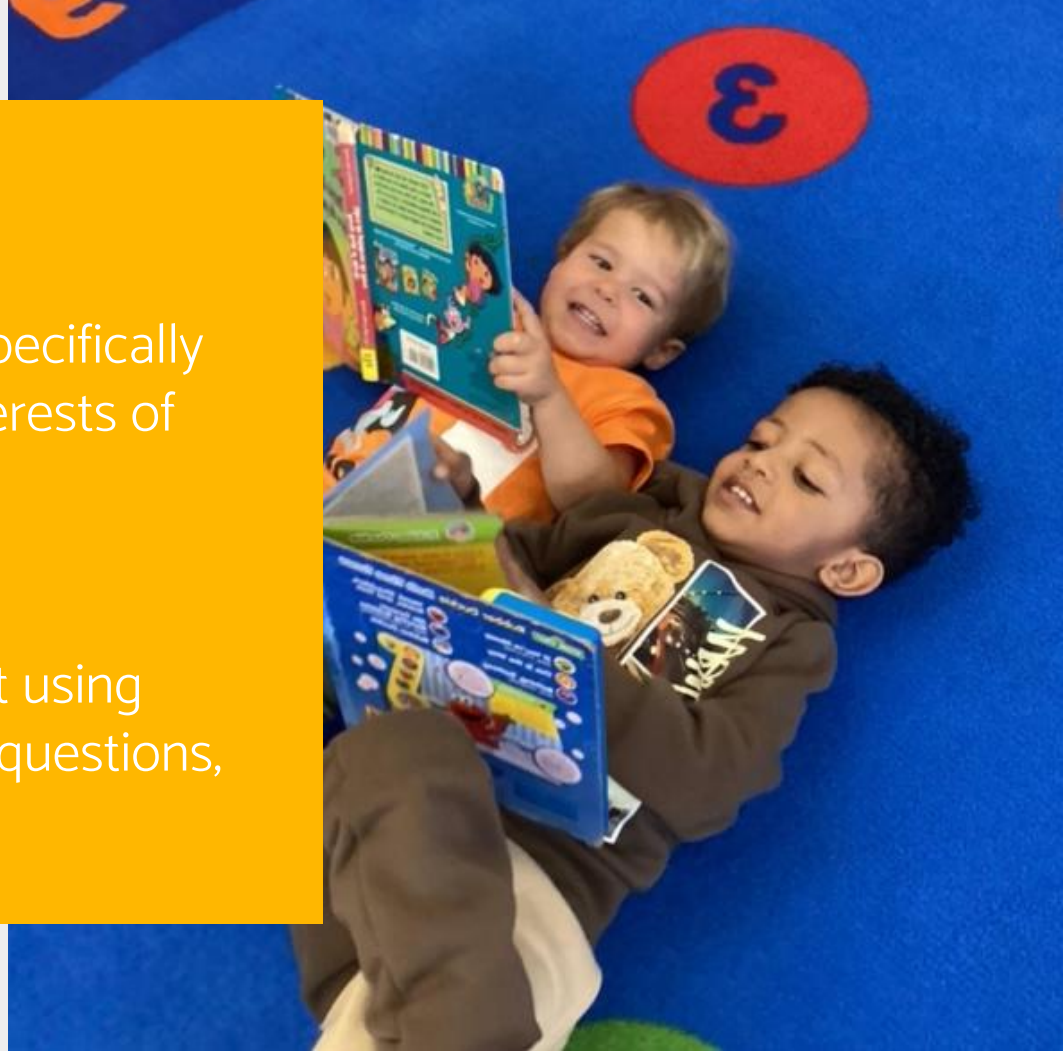
Scarves, bean bags, and instruments are used to explore music concepts and creativity.

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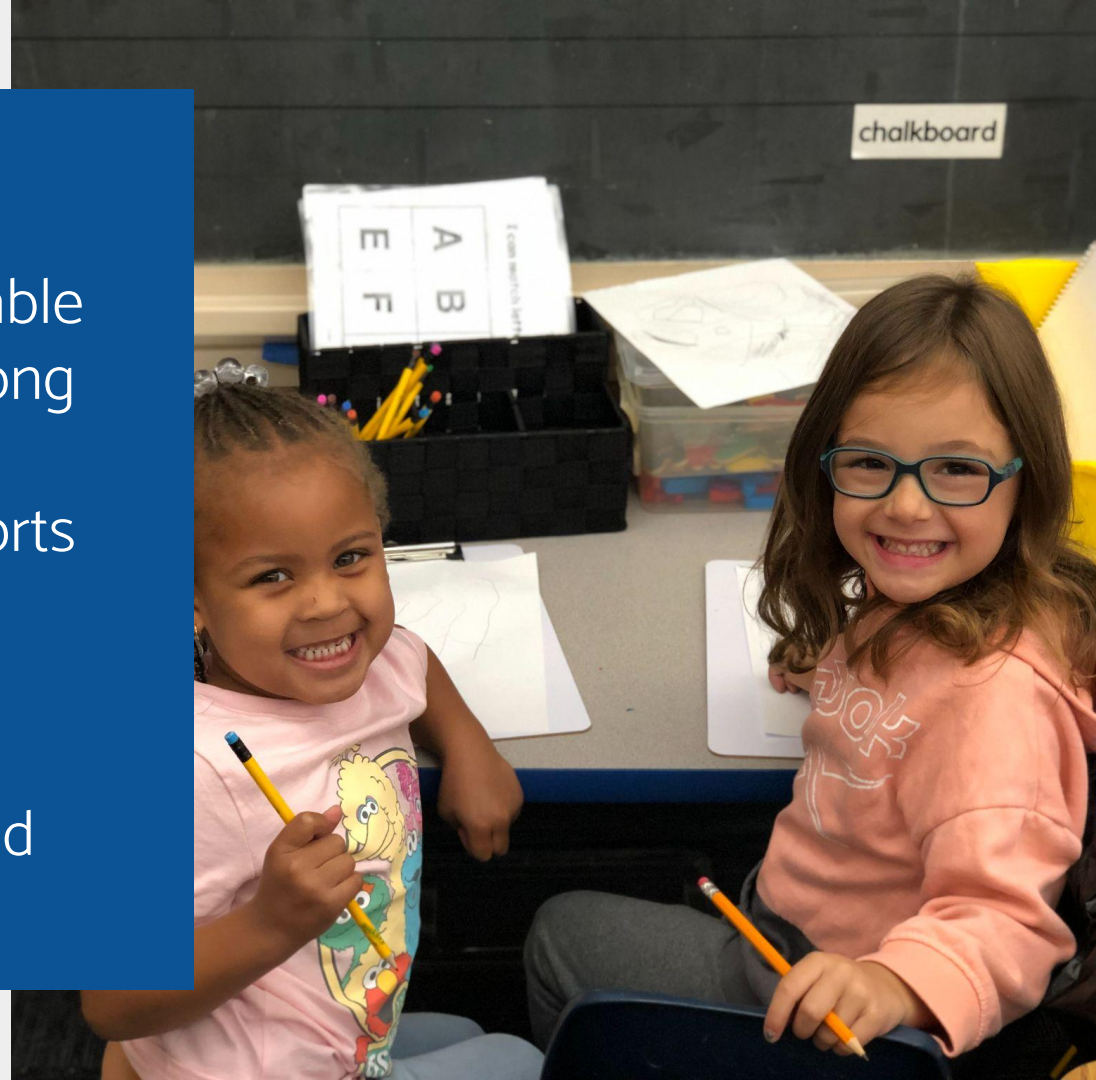
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- Lesson plans are written specifically to meet the needs and interests of the children in the class.
- The classroom supports a language-rich environment using stories, songs, fingerplays, questions, and conversation.



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- An organized and predictable environment supports strong classroom routines.
- A strong curriculum supports large and fine motor skills, social and emotional development, academic development, creativity and spirituality.



School-Day Option

School Day Preschool/Pre-k
8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Children must be thirty-three months old by 8/31

- Monday-Friday
- Morning snack served at 8:00am
- Class follows the school schedule



Full-Day Option

Full School Day Preschool/Pre-k
7:00am- 5:30pm

Children must be thirty-three months old by 8/31

- Two, three, or five days a week
- Drop off & pick up at classroom door
- Class is open year round except on holidays and staff development days





Summer at Guardian Angels

Activities:

- Water days
- Gardening
- Bike days
- Field trips

Preschool
Starts
September 2

Summer Program



All staff attend regular workshops and professional development opportunities

All staff are trained in first aid and CPR

Consistent classroom staff create a comfortable learning environment for the children.

A photograph showing three hand-drawn prayer candles on a wooden table. The candles are made from white paper tubes and decorated with colorful scribbles in purple, pink, and blue. A yellow heart-shaped candle is placed on top of the purple one. The candles are set on a red mat with green handprints.

DAILY PRAYER

A photograph of a church sanctuary during a service. Children are seated in wooden pews, and a priest is visible at the front. The sanctuary has large windows and wooden walls.

**HOLY DAY
OBSERVATIONS**

A photograph of a group of children sitting on a brick wall. They are dressed in casual clothing, and a woman in a yellow shirt is sitting among them. The children are smiling and looking towards the camera.

**SERVICE
PROJECTS**

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



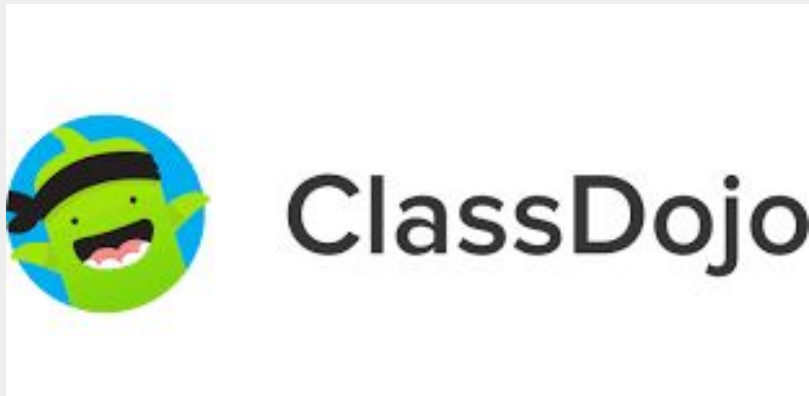
SPECIAL EVENTS

- On-site field trips
- Walks to nearby parks
- Family activities
- Library Visits
- Regular gym time



Email

- All families receive a regular program newsletter.
- All families receive regular emails from the school



CLASS DOJO

- Preschool families receive daily posts of the day's adventures with photos via the application Class Dojo
- Families can send messages to the classroom via Class Dojo.



7:00 - 7:55	Arrival Activities
7:55-8:10	Morning Circle and Prayer
8:10 - 8:30	Morning Snack
8:30 - 10:00	Play Time
10:00- 10:30	Group Time
10:30-11:30	Outside Time
11:30-12:00	Lunch
12:30-2:00	Nap Time
2:00-2:30	Quiet Activities and Snack
2:30-3:15	Dismissal/Gym Time
3:15-4:30	Play Time
4:30-4:45	Afternoon Circle Time
4:45-5:30	Games and Interactive Activities

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Interested families need to enroll using the link on the parish website and return the following forms.

- Immunization
- Health Care Summary
- IEP or Allergy information (if applicable)

Once these things are received, families will receive an email confirmation.

A signed tuition agreement is necessary before attending.



ADMISSION PROCESS



TUITION & FEES

	2 Days	3 Days	5 Days
Full Day 7:00am-5:30pm	\$495.00/mo	\$695.00/mo	\$1,050.00/mo

School Day Hours: 8:00am-2:30pm
(on the school calendar)

Tuition: \$750.00

Tuition payments must be made monthly





PREPARING FOR PRESCHOOL

CHILDREN MUST BE POTTY TRAINED.

While occasional accidents are expected, children need to be self-sufficient in using the bathroom.

Children need to have up to date vaccinations prior to attending.

Covid vaccinations are not required.



Do preschoolers nap?

All preschoolers in a class that is five hours or longer are required to take a 30 minute rest. Nap time varies from 30 minutes to 2 hours.



Is there busing?

Unfortunately, school districts do not offer busing to preschoolers.



Do preschoolers wear uniforms?

No, uniforms are not required .



How often do children eat?

Preschoolers eat breakfast at 8am, lunch at 12pm, and snack after nap.





Questions?

Thank you for considering Guardian Angels Preschool for your preschool and prekindergarten needs. Questions can be directed to preschool@gachaska.org