

## About the Preschool

Pawprints Preschool opened in August 2003 to provide a fun and safe learning environment for three- to five year-olds.

The program is affiliated with Saint Thomas More Catholic Church and School, and uses a Catholic-centered instructional curriculum to teach children the values and morals of our faith. Additionally, our prekindergarten students participate in the Montessori based, "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" program. For more information and to view our videos please go to <https://cgs-stm.weebly.com/>.

Our preschool and prekindergarten curriculum also emphasizes fundamental, school-ready principles, including age appropriate mathematics, literacy, science, social studies, and art. Children will also practice important social and life skills, along with developing fine and large motor coordination skills. Advanced learners are offered phonics, beginning writing skills, early math concepts and beginning sign language.

We are also very excited about our new **Outdoor Nature Classroom!**

## Preschool Requirements

- ⌘ **Children must be at least four years old on or prior to July 31<sup>st</sup>** to enroll in our 4/5's Pre-kindergarten classes.
- ⌘ **Children must be at least three years old on or prior to July 31<sup>st</sup>** to enroll in the three year-old preschool classes.
- ⌘ Children **MUST** be fully toilet trained prior to the start of school.
- ⌘ A copy of your child's immunization record must be obtained from your doctor and submitted at the time of registration.



## Preschool & Pre-kindergarten Classes

### Morning and All Day Sessions

Morning classes run from – 8 a.m. to 11a.m.

All Day classes run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Each day's activities include Prayer, Circle Time, Center Time (including Math, Science, Reading, Art and Literacy), Music, Story Time and Snack Time. Students participate weekly in Physical Education class and Music class.*

### Tuition & Fees

A *non-refundable* \$150.00 fee must accompany all registrations. Tuition will be paid by an electronic fund transfer through a checking or savings account. Pay in full discount of \$150 per family is offered for preschool and PreK tuition paid in full by August 1, 2023. **Please note...registrations will not be complete, and a spot cannot be finalized until a payment plan has been set up electronically.**

### 3 Year Old Preschool – T & Th Morning

\$1,400 per year

### Pre-kindergarten – M/W/F Morning

\$1,780 per year

### Pre-kindergarten – M-F Morning

\$2,565 per year

### 3 Year Old Preschool – T & Th All Day

\$2,200 per year

### Preschool & Pre-kindergarten –

M/W/F All Day

\$3,080 per year

### Preschool & Pre-kindergarten –

M-F All Day

\$4,860 per year

### Transitional Kindergarten-

If your child turns 5 between August 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>, they may be eligible for our Transitional Kindergarten class (Year one of a 2 year Kindergarten program). Please contact the school office for pricing and more information.



## Preschool Extended Care

Our Preschool Extended Care was established in 2007 to compliment the hours of our preschool for working parents. Children will spend their time in quality activities under the supervision of compassionate and caring teachers.

## Hours of Operation

Preschool Extended Care is available between the hours of 6:45 a.m.-7:45 a.m. and after school between 3:00 -5:00 p.m. (5:00-6:00 p.m. available for an additional \$8 per day). Please see the Pawprints Preschool Parent Handbook and the Preschool Extended Care Commitment forms at [stmbengals.org](http://stmbengals.org) for details. Preschool Extended Care operational days will follow the St. Thomas More day school's annual calendar with few exceptions. Preschool Extended Care is not available when preschool is not in session.

Due to requirements in student teacher ratios, drop-ins will not be accepted.

All registrations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis and spaces are limited.

## Preschool Extended Care Fees

Preschool Extended Care Payments will be collected monthly. A signed commitment form and a non-refundable \$50 registration fee are required for enrollment in the Preschool Extended Care Program. See the Preschool Extended Care Commitment Forms at [stmbengals.org](http://stmbengals.org) for options and prices.

**Please visit our school website or call the school office for further information.**



## Testimonials

"Pawprints preschool was simply the best experience we could have hoped for in transitioning to a learning environment. Our kids received the love and friendship that we were so eager for them to experience at school but we were blown away at the level of education they received. Our kids graduated Pawprints with skills that made them very successful in Kindergarten and with their own growing sense of love for God. Truly a welcoming community and school!"

- Rafael & Cassie C.-M.



"This program has been a blessing to our family! The teachers really worked with my children on their specific needs. I love how much they engage in our faith now too."

- Andrea C.



"I sent my son to Pawprints Preschool not really knowing what to expect. The staff exceeded my expectations with their excellent communication and caring for their students. My son enjoyed learning and loved attending class! We were amazed at the progress he made in his work in such a short time! Completely satisfied and highly recommend Pawprints to everyone!"

-Theresa B.



"We were very pleased with our experiences with the STM Pawprints preschool program. Each of our daughters strengthened their faith, learned the lifelong values of friendship and kindness, and were also well prepared for Kindergarten."

- Sean & Carmin F.



## ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**& Pawprints Preschool**

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**Preschool Director: Mrs. Tamyra Hower**

**Preschool Extended Care Director: Dianna McCormick**

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