

# PROGRAMS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR FAMILY & CHILD

**Flexibility within our programs allows us to better meet the individual needs of each child and their family.**

## HALF-DAY PROGRAMS

We offer morning classes for young children with two, three, and five day options depending on the child's age.

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL EXTENDED CARE WITH ENRICHMENT

Additional supervision and stimulation is available in our extended care program with STEM, art, and language enrichment activities.

## ON-SITE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We host on-site commercial activities so families can conveniently eliminate having to transport their child to another location. Activities offered may include Soccer Shots, Tennis Titans, and Tumblebear Gymnastics.

## SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS

One-week themed camps are available the mornings of select weeks. They provide fun-filled learning experiences to encourage exploration of the world around us.



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) operates the largest Protestant school system in the US. The ELC is one of 1,761 early childhood centers in its system of nearly 2,000 Pre-K through Grade 12 schools.

## ENROLLMENT

You do not have to be Lutheran or a church member to enroll your child. Children must meet the age and potty-training requirement for their class. A completed physical form and a copy of your child's birth certificate are required for registration. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must be completed online.

## COST

Our goal is to provide excellent education at reasonable, competitive rates so it is affordable for families. A non-refundable registration fee is due with each application prior to its processing. Call the school or check the website for current tuition rates.

*St. John Lutheran Early Learning Center admits students of any race, color or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions, policies and athletic and other school administered programs.*

*Our mission is to connect with families to provide young children a Christ-centered education that nurtures a lifelong love of God, others, and learning.*

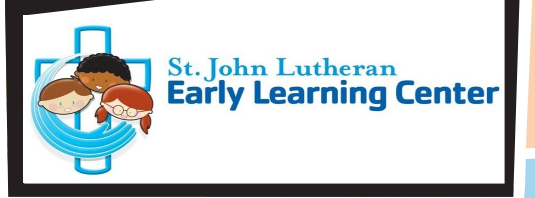
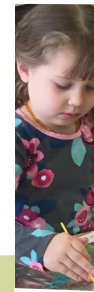
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Call to arrange a tour.

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# CONNECT



# LOVE

# LEARN



# GROW



## HIGH-QUALITY FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING TO FOSTER EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Our curriculum is aligned with the *Illinois State Early Childhood Learning Standards, Benchmarks, and Goals* and with the *Illinois State Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS)* so that your child is prepared for kindergarten. Activities that are age-appropriate and build on previous learning ensure that skills needed to be successful in school, such as initiative, curiosity, creativity, attentiveness, cooperation, perseverance, self-regulation, self-help, independence, negotiation, and adaptation, are nurtured.

**SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Young children need socialization as well as academic stimulation. Engaging in purposeful, structured play helps them learn how to positively interact with peers and adults and how to process their feelings in acceptable ways. It also develops their oral language, creative arts expression, and love of learning.

**COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT:** The use of integrated thematic units allow children to develop science and social studies knowledge and skills by exploring family, community, events, people, and the natural/physical world. Children discover number concepts, relationships, and operations; geometry; patterns; sets; categories; and measurement in math. Activities occur in a variety of group settings and are multi-sensory in nature.

**LANGUAGE & LITERACY DEVELOPMENT:** Books are read aloud so children develop story sense, vocabulary, and reading appreciation. Children learn the letters and sounds of our language, print concepts and conventions, and early writing/composing skills.

**PHYSICAL & HEALTH DEVELOPMENT:** Children learn how to take care of their body through good hygiene and to make healthy, safe choices. Large muscle and fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination, and physical control are practiced daily.

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:** One additional benefit of the ELC is that your child learns about God and His love for us. A daily Bible lesson is taught. Once a week the children go into church for a devotion led by Pastor.

## NURTURING AND CARING CLASSES

Since 1969, St. John Early Learning Center (ELC) has been paving the way for success in kindergarten and beyond!

Choosing a preschool for your child is an important decision. Your child is a precious gift from God. Our goal is to make sure that every child in our care is seen, heard, and appreciated for the unique individual God created them to be. That is why we focus solely on children aged two through four. We specialize just in them!

Our DCFS-licensed facility has safe, COVID-19 compliant, inviting, and engaging classrooms plus spacious and fully equipped outdoor/indoor play areas. Our staff is made up of well-educated, state-qualified, experienced, and caring professionals.

We value each child's family, language, and culture in the diverse community we serve. The establishment of a strong home-school connection enhances a child's learning and can offer the family support and encouragement through regular communication, parenting resources, family activities, and networking. The ELC believes we are in this experience together!

## SPECIAL FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Moms Connect  
Family Devotions  
Family Fun Nights  
Children Sing in Church  
Field Trips  
Service Projects

Parenting Workshops  
Trunk-or-Treat  
Grandparents Day  
Dad's Day  
Mother's Tea  
End-of-Year Picnic



**"Excellent academic, loving, and Christ-centered environment that offers a community and family feel. I sent 3 kids here for preschool and do not regret it."**