

For further information or for registration materials, please call St. Philip's at 651-437-6541, or visit our website at [www.spelcpreschool.com](http://www.spelcpreschool.com)

Open registration for fall classes begins on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration materials and immunization forms must be filled out completely in order for a child to be enrolled in the Early Learning Center program. Classes begin after Labor Day in September. New students may be enrolled throughout the school year if openings exist. Feel free to contact the ELC if you would like to arrange for a classroom visit.

Scholarship assistance may be available.

#### **PURPOSES OF THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

To provide experiences that promote a positive self-image as well as positive feelings toward learning

To promote an understanding of Christian values through Bible stories, songs, prayer, and group interaction.

To provide socialization opportunities through child-initiated and teacher-led learning activities

To provide for the development of verbal and non-verbal language skills through the use of drama, discussion, and listening activities.

To provide opportunities for creative expression through art activities, movement exercises, dramatic play, and music.

To provide educational opportunities that permit the child to learn at his/her own pace, according to individual abilities.



COOKING PROJECTS

ARTS AND CRAFTS

WOODWORKING

DRAMATICS

NUMBERS AND LETTERS

WATER PLAY

SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

FRIENDSHIP

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

JOURNALS

STORYTIME

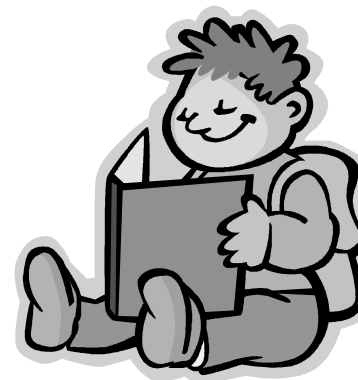
OUTDOOR PLAY

PUPPETRY

FINGERPLAYS

FIELD TRIPS

BIBLE SONGS AND STORIES



## ***St. Philip's Early Learning Center***

***2012-2013***

***In our 28<sup>th</sup> year***

Preschool classes for 3 to 5 year olds,  
held September through May

1401 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hastings, MN

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## St. Philip's Early Learning

Center provides families in the Hastings area with a preschool program in a warm and nurturing Christian environment.

## Variety of Experiences

A wide variety of learning experiences are provided to promote the development of each child. Enriching activities are also included to provide for individual spiritual growth through the use of Bible stories, prayers, songs, and lessons in a non-denominational manner.

Each teacher carefully plans educational experiences that relate to a different theme each week. Students participate in a variety of field trips during the year. Examples have included a pumpkin patch, Como Zoo, an apple orchard, and Dodge Nature Center.

## Good Communication

A written summary of each week's activities is sent home, and newsletters and activity calendars keep parents advised of upcoming themes and events.

## Daily Schedule

- 8:55/ 12:25 GREETING:** Health check, pre-session activities(books, puppets, conversations, etc.)
- 9:10/ 12:40 CIRCLE TIME:** songs, stories, sharing time, theme for the week
- 9:25/ 12:55 CALENDAR AND PLANNING TIME:** discuss day, date, month weather, holidays--overview of choices for work time , special projects explained
- 9:40/ 1:10 WORKTIME:** blocks area, house area, quiet area(books, puzzles, peg boards, matching games), art area (play dough, glue, scissors, paper, markers, crayons , etc. for children's creations, as well as planned art projects) science activities, cooking projects and much more
- 10:35/ 2:05 CLEAN-UP:** pick up toys and return to proper places on shelves, put art projects away, use bathroom, wash hands
- 10:45/ 2:15 CIRCLE TIME AND SNACK PREPARATION:** A second structured learning time; may include songs and/or listening to stories related to the week's theme; activities related to letter recognition and pre-reading skills
- 10:55/ 2:25 SNACKTIME:** Enjoy snacks and juice while children and adults visit at tables
- 11:10/ 2:40 PREPARE THINGS TO TAKE HOME:** get school bags, put day's papers and projects inside
- 11:15/ 2:45 DRESS for outdoor activity--play games, snow play, nature walk, sand box, walk to park**
- 11:28/ 2:58 RETURN to classroom--wait for parents to arrive**

**This is a general idea of the format of each preschool session.  
Exact times and activities may vary.**

A professional staff has been selected based on educational background, early childhood training, teaching experience and sensitivity to the needs of young children . One licensed teacher and one adult classroom aide work with each group of 16 children. St. Philip's Early Learning Center is inspected and licensed on a regular basis by the State of Minnesota Dept. of Human Services. We value parent-teacher communication throughout the year!

Your child should be at least 3 years old by May 1, 2012 to register for our preschool program, and **MUST BE FULLY POTTY-TRAINED**. Sessions are offered on the following days for the 2012-2013 preschool year:

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00-11:30 AM**

**Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00-11:30 AM  
12:30-3:00 PM**

**Tuition for 2 sessions/week is  
\$100 per month**

**Tuition for 3 sessions/week is  
\$120 per month**

**Registration fee of \$30.00**