



THE
FRANCES XAVIER WARDE
SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL

OUR PHILOSOPHY

The Frances Xavier Warde School preschool program is NAEYC accredited (National Association for the Education of Young Children) and follows the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards. Through guided experiences, our youngest learners delve into a wide range of topics and investigate these topics through long-term projects and themes. The social-emotional, physical, language and cognitive development of a child centers around engagement in enriching classroom experiences. Our philosophy is to facilitate learning in developmentally appropriate ways.

We believe in:

- play as the foundation for academic learning.
- strong social and emotional health with an emphasis on relationships, self-regulation and initiative.
- nurturing optimism and happiness in the classroom.
- increasing empathy and compassion in order to resolve peer conflicts.
- the process of learning rather than the product.
- teaching critical thinking skills through discussing, questioning and exploring.
- providing choices to foster motivation to learn.
- building body awareness by strengthening gross motor and fine motor muscles.
- supporting the religious and spiritual faith of all children through prayer and music.
- encouraging self-help skills to build independence and pride.
- child readiness for learning with sensitivity to individual differences and needs.
- partnering with parents to support and nurture their child.

In preschool, the experience of faith is rooted in the student's imagination and filled with stories of awe and wonder of God.



CONTINUITY OF CARE MODEL

The FXW Preschool Program follows the Continuity of Care (COC) model. Children remain in the program with the same teachers and classmates over their two years in preschool. As a classroom comprised of 3, 4 and 5 year olds, mixed-age grouping has something important to offer everyone involved.

What does Continuity of Care provide for my child?

- Your child will have a secure attachment with his/her teachers.
- This healthy relationship allows your child to play, explore and interact with teachers in a comfortable, stable and predictable setting.
- Teachers will better understand your child's needs and background.
- Your child will be able to establish friendships that deepen over time.
- Research shows COC provides a rise in language development and vocabulary with a decrease in disruptive behaviors.
- The time together with peers provides your child opportunities to develop social skills. Children need many experiences in a comfortable atmosphere in order to relate, communicate, make decisions, and accept responsibility.

How does Continuity of Care benefit me as a parent in the FXW community?

- You and the teachers can develop a healthy parent-teacher partnership.
- These partnerships allow children to see the important adults in their lives working together to support their development.
- You can develop friendships and a strong sense of community with other parents in your classroom as you attend student and school events.



FXW PRESCHOOL PROGRAM OPTIONS 2016-2017

PROGRAM*	DAYS	TIME	PRICE
2 day	M/W	8:00am-2:30pm	\$9,640
AM half day	M-F	8:00am-11:00am	\$10,850
PM half day	M-F	12:00pm-3:00pm	\$10,850
3 day	T/Th/Fr	8:00am-2:30pm	\$10,850
5 day	M-F	8:00am-2:30pm	\$13,720
ADDITIONAL OPTIONS			
Early drop off	M-F	7:00am-7:30am	No fee
Extended day (Session I)	M-F	2:30pm-4:30pm	\$2,050
Extended day (Sessions I & II)**	M-F	2:30pm-6:00pm	\$2,800
ADDITIONAL FEES			
Activity fee			\$300
Late pick-up fee	M-F	Late pick-up for all programs	\$25/student/day
Inter-campus bus (one-way)	M-F	Multiple options	\$500
Inter-campus bus (round trip)	M-F	Multiple options	\$1,000

* Children must be 3 or 4 by September 1st.
 **Preschool EDP enrollment pending director approval.

