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The Little Mouse Preschool to open in Boulevard Church of Christ



L-R: Ami Sabin and Tina Haack, co-owners of The Little Mouse Preschool. Not pictured are staff members Carolynn Smith-Oblizajek and Lauren Stapleton.

Upon hearing the news that the Franciscan Academy of Lourdes University was closing, two of its teachers, Tina Haack and Ami Sabin, decided they would modeled their instruction on the program from the Academy and open their own preschool. The Little Mouse Preschool will open this fall in the Boulevard Church of Christ, 7041 West Sylvania Ave. in Sylvania and is already enrolling

students for the 2014-2015 school year.

"This is a wonderful facility and we are so fortunate to be here," Haack said. "The classrooms were designed for small children, we will have a playground right outside and our drive into the property is regulated by a stop-light, which will help with traffic flow. The entrance to the preschool is in the rear of the building, making it accessible and safe."

The Little Mouse Preschool offers curriculum-based programs for 3- and 4-year old children and features age-appropriate activities in a caring and fun environment staffed with licensed and experienced teachers. The 3-year old program focuses on introducing students to the preschool experience and offers the opportunity for them to socialize and learn to work with others. The children will learn the alphabet with a different letter representing each week. There will be story time and art every day that will accompany the alphabet learning process.

The 4-year olds' program focuses on preparing students for kindergarten. This class offers built-in smart board learning. The room comes alive with learning centers, art, calendar time and music all taught in bright and fun environment by an experienced preschool teacher. For students who attend all day, there is an afternoon enrichment pro-

gram. This is a program specifically in place to better prepare the students for kindergarten. This class will cover many different subjects, from life skills (tying their shoes, buttoning and zipping their own coats) to kindergarten placement requirements. This program also expands on math and language skills developed in the pre-school curriculum along with writing and basic computer skills.

"This class will be taught at a pace each student can follow and will allow them to grow and gain self-esteem," Sabin explains.

The Little Mouse Preschool will also offer music classes once a week taught by an experienced music teacher along with having a guest librarian from the Sylvania Library twice a month to help incorporate a love of books and reading.

Parents have the option of enrolling their child in a two-day, three-day or five-day program for half days or whole days. Extended care options, before school from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and after school from 2:30 to 6 p.m., are also available.

"We really want to make sure parents have the option for extended care. Offering full day care from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. gives working parents the services they need," Haack explained.