

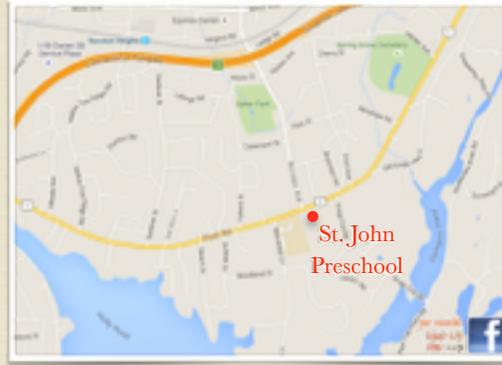
WHO WE ARE

We are a small school by design. We provide a nurturing extension of your home, and a strong foundation in preparation for elementary school. Our staff knows every child and parent by name, so children always feel loved and safe.

Our school sits in the shadow of St. John Church and students get to know our parish, priests and staff. As such, their religion and church feels as much a part of their lives as school and home.

We further enrich our curriculum with programs that explore themes of science, social studies, literacy, music, arts and community, including visits from storytellers, naturalists, plus Darien Fire Department, Police and Library.

Our Parents Association provides several events, including Mary's Baby Shower, Valentines for the Elderly, Parents Nights and more. SJPA also provides a valuable network of parents to support you and your child during the preschool years and beyond.



St. John Preschool is conveniently located on the Post Road in Darien, between exits 10 and 11 of CT I-95.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. John Preschool is a mission of St. John Roman Catholic Church. It is licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Located in the parish center, the preschool is committed to modeling and teaching Christian morals and values, while creating a caring and safe environment that fosters curiosity and love for learning. It serves the community of Darien and surrounding towns. The school is open and welcoming to children of all faiths who are ages two to five. Two, three, four, and five-day programs are offered for preschool children.



St. John Preschool

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Please visit our website for more information:

stjohnpreschool.org



*Where Our Parish
Family Grows*



*Creative Learning, Cooperative
Play, and Unique Celebrations
highlight a child's experience at
St. John Preschool.*

Fostering knowledge, confidence, and faith within our children



As part of our curriculum, "Music Together" provides a weekly music and movement experience for each class.

Classes for Two through Five Year-Old Children:

*Morning Classes
Extended Day
Lunch Bunch
Summer Camp*

Classroom Enrichment Programs Include:

*Music Together
The Maritime Aquarium
Acting Out with Ms. Karen
Animal Embassy
The Darien Nature Center
Farmer Minor & Daisy the Pig
Storytellers
Fireman Bob
Darien Library*

*Curriculum developed in conjunction with
Connecticut Early Learning and
Development Standards.*

OUR PHILOSOPHY

The program at St. John Preschool is designed to promote the emotional, social, spiritual, cognitive, and physical development of each child. We create a warm and accepting environment that contributes to the development of positive self-esteem as well as encouraging cooperation and interaction among children. We support the development of independence, self-reliance, and problem solving. Learning experiences are intentionally designed to stimulate creativity and encourage investigation of the environment.

Through play and directed learning experiences, we intentionally plan opportunities that support learning across all domains of development and are appropriate to each child's age, stage, and style of learning.

We believe that early school experiences represent a time when social interaction and play will stimulate creativity, exploration, and self-awareness. It is a time when children develop a sense of their own uniqueness and sets the stage for success in elementary school and beyond. Free from the pressures of workbooks and rote learning, we provide hands-on experiences and facilitate purposeful play.

Our pedagogy brings together varied approaches to education by design, drawing from NAEYC Developmentally Appropriate Practice as well as child development theorists and research. We are committed to following best practice in the field of early education and remain aware of the constantly developing knowledge base that is available to us.

