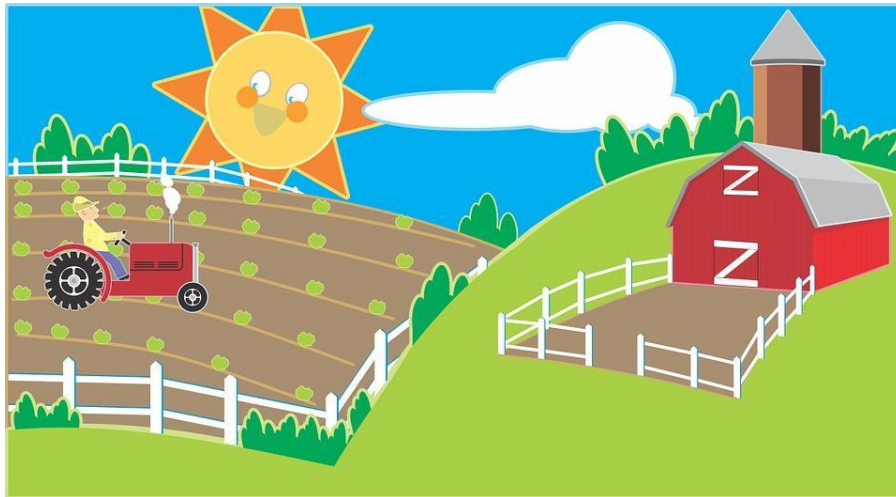


WELCOME  
TO THE  
TODDLER ROOM



*The Children's School at St. John's  
Parent Packet for the  
2022 - 2023 School Year!!*

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Welcome Parents,

We, the toddler teachers, are extremely excited about the new year! We are very eager to be involved in your child's life. We look forward to getting to know your child as well as your family. In order to help your child to have a successful year in all the developmental areas, the toddler teachers have filled the upcoming year with a variety of activities and themes.

To help your child adjust to the new atmosphere, we try to maintain daily routines (circle time, snack, activity . . .) which can be viewed in the daily schedule.

We also ask just a few things from you, the parents. Please label all your child's belongings. Please check in with your child's teacher at the end of the day. We ask that you provide a lunchbox that can be placed on the bottom shelf in the refrigerator. If you have a thermos food warm-up or anything you would like to stay at room temperature, you can place it in the labeled "Thermos" bin. All cups can be placed on the second shelf of the refrigerator. If needed, we are happy to have the children eat breakfast that you provide. Morning and afternoon snacks are provided by the school. You need only to pack one lunch, one filled water thermos/cup to take outside, and one other filled cup; however, if your child needs additional cups or bottles, please feel free to pack them.

The toddler room teachers ask that you do not send in juice boxes for your child to drink or yogurt tubes, the pouch of yogurt with the spout is fine. We ask that you send in cups only to encourage drinking independently. We also encourage you to send in finger foods for your child to practice feeding themselves. Please make sure that you cut up all food into toddler appropriate

sizes. This saves the teachers' valuable time that can be spent with the children. Finally, if your child chooses to wear a dress or skirt to school, please put something on underneath (shorts, pants, bloomers...) to help keep their diaper clean of outdoor debris. We go outside a couple times a day and the playground contains nature particles that can get stuck to their diapers.

Nap mats should be taken home at the end of the week to be washed and cleaned. You will need to provide diapers (as needed), two refill packages of wipes, and one box of size large bibsters (32 count) each month or a reusable bib each day.

The toddler room has a binder which contains a medicine log. Any medication that is needed for your child should be labeled and signed in by you, as well as directions on administering.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation on these matters. Please feel free to come to us with any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you and your child in September! We hope that all of the adjustments into the toddler room are positive!!

Sincerely,  
Miss Debra, Miss Maggie, and Miss Michelle

# TODDLER TEACHERS

Miss Debra: Ms. Debra joined the Children's School in August 2007. This is her fifteenth year in the toddler classroom. Ms. Debra has a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from St. Joseph's University as well as a Private Academic Teaching License in Early Childhood Education. She is married with two daughters – Ryan who is 9 years old and Emily who is 3 years old. Emily will be in the preschool classroom upstairs and Ryan will be in fourth grade at her neighborhood school. Miss Debra is very excited about interacting with all the children and their families as well ☺

Miss Maggie is in her first year of teaching at The Children's School at Saint Johns. She is a certified emt to the state of PA, so she is pediatric and adult CPR certified. She also works as a waitress in Old City on the weekends, and she has a two year old son (Jesse) that's in the 2 to 3 year Olds class here at Saint John's. She lives with her son, roommate, and cat In West Philly.

Miss Michelle is a recent graduate from Cabrini University who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. During her college years, Miss Michelle worked with children in a Camp setting. She is so excited to work with the little ones. She has 2 sisters and lives at home with her family. This is her first year teaching at The Children's School at St. Johns

## THINGS YOU NEED TO SUPPLY FOR YOUR CHILD

1. Bibsters – size large pocket bibsters – 32 count (once a month) or you may send in your own bib
2. Diapers – as needed
3. Wipes – two refill package per month
4. Diaper Rash Ointment
5. Extra Change of Clothes (Seasonal)
6. Two Filled Cups/Bottles (more if needed)
7. Water Thermos/cup for outside
8. Small Blanket/Sleeping bag (may bring a soft toy to lay with)
9. Lunch box
10. Family Photo

The Children's School will provide morning and afternoon snacks. The morning snack usually consists of some type of fruit. The afternoon snack usually consists of cookies, crackers, goldfish...

If your child needs something of their own, please bring it in and inform the teachers. If your child has any food allergies, please let the teachers know.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the toddler teachers.

## **TODDLER'S DAILY SCHEDULE**

**(Schedule is flexible and may change)**

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| <b>7:00 – 9:00</b>   | <b>Arrival, Free Play, Breakfast</b><br><b>(Book Center, Houses and Animals, Block Center, Manipulatives, Puzzles, Transportation Center, Kitchen Center, and Musical Instruments)</b>  |
| <b>9:00 – 9:30</b>   | <b>Clean-up, Diaper Changes/Handwashing, and Ready for Circle Time</b>  |
| <b>9:30 – 9:45</b>   | <b>Circle Time (songs, books, props, flashcards...)</b>   |
| <b>9:45 – 10:00</b>  | <b>Handwashing/Morning Snack</b>  |
| <b>10:00 – 10:30</b> | <b>Small Group Activities (art project, fine motor skills, manipulatives, painting, coloring, gluing, water table, puzzles, Block Center . . .)</b>   |
| <b>10:30 – 11:30</b> | <b>Outdoor Play/Gross Motor Skills (Slides, Tire Swings, digging in the sand – shovel, buckets, and playing ball – kicking and throwing)</b>  |
| <b>11:30 – 11:45</b> | <b>Story, Prepare for Lunch</b>   |
| <b>11:45 – 12:30</b> | <b>Lunch/Handwashing</b>  |
| <b>12:30 – 1:00</b>  | <b>Diaper changes/ Handwashing/ prepare for nap</b>   |
| <b>3:00 – 3:30</b>   | <b>Diaper Changes/Handwashing</b>   |
| <b>3:30 – 4:00</b>   | <b>Afternoon Snack/Handwashing</b>  |
| <b>4:00 – 6:00</b>   | <b>Organized Free Play/Outdoor Play/Dismissal</b><br><b>(Book Center, Houses and Animals, Block Center, Manipulatives, puzzles, Transportation Center, Kitchen Center, Musical Instruments, Slides, Tire Swings, Ball Playing, Digging in the Sand)</b> |

## Important Dates

The following are dates in which the school will be closing **promptly at 4:30** for staff meetings. As a NAEYC accredited school, we are required to have regular staff meetings throughout the school year. Staff meetings are utilized to help keep the staff informed of all upcoming events and to communicate and share with one another about different activities and lessons that have worked well for classrooms. This will also give Miss Jennifer and Miss Amy G, our mentor teachers for the school, the opportunity to offer suggestions and guidance on child development milestones for the different ages and reinforce the importance of positive communication amongst the children and parents.

Dates:

October 10, 2022  
4:30 Early Closing

January 16, 2023  
4:30 Early Closing

March 6, 2023  
4:30 Early Closing



## **SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR (2022-2023)**

### **New Classroom Visitation**

**September 6, 2022**

**Individual Classrooms**

**9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

### **Staff Meeting**

**October 10, 2022**

**4:30 Early Closing**

### **Halloween Parade**

**October 31, 2022**

**4:00 PM. Outside**

### **Thanksgiving Feast**

**November 23, 2022**

**11:30 AM. Upstairs**

**\*\*Early Dismissal @ 3:00 PM.**

### **Thanksgiving Holiday & Day After**

**November 24 & 25, 2022**

**SCHOOL CLOSED**

### **Holiday Show**

**December 16, 2022**

**4:00 PM The Levering Mill Tribute House**

### **Winter Holiday**

**December 26-January 2, 2023**

**SCHOOL CLOSED**

### **Staff Meeting**

**January 16, 2023**

**4:30 Early Closing**

### **Staff Meeting**

**March 6, 2023**

**4:30 Early Closing**

### **Spring Break**

**April 7, 2023**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Parent Breakfast**  
**April 18, 2023**  
**7:00-9:00 AM Downstairs**

**Grandparents Day**  
**April 19, 2023**  
**10:00 AM. Classrooms**

**Mother's Day Tea**  
**May 12, 2023**  
**4:00 PM Outside**

**Staff Development Day**  
**May 26, 2023**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Memorial Day**  
**May 29, 2023**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Happy Hour with Dad**  
**June 15, 2023**  
**4:00 PM. Classrooms**

**Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Graduation**  
**June 9, 2023**  
**11:00 AM. Outside**

**Summer Program**  
**June 12, 2023~August 29, 2023**

**Fourth of July**  
**July 3 & 4, 2023**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Cleaning Days**  
**August 30, 31 & September 1, 2023**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Labor Day**  
**September 4, 2023**

## **SCHOOL CLOSED**

### **New Classroom Visitation Day**

**September 5, 2023**

**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

### **First Day of School**

**September 6, 2023**

**7:00 AM**

**We will make every effort to adhere to the above schedule. However, new events may be added as the year progress and event date may need to be changed from above. We will notify you immediately when this occurs!**

### **Dates that Special Activities will begin:**

- **Music: Monday, September 12, 2022 at 10:00.**
- **Tumble Tots: Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 9:15**
- **Soccer Shots: Friday, September 16, 2022 at 10:30**

## **HANDWASHING**

Hand Washing is the best way to prevent the spread of infection. It is strongly recommended with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Keystone Stars that hand washing starts the moment “mommy, daddy, teacher, and child” enter a classroom. Each morning, as you enter the classroom, the teachers will encourage you and your child to go over to the sink and to wash your hands. When you come to pick up your child, we ask you again, to please wash your hands before you start to pick up your child’s materials for the day. Throughout the day, the teachers will continue to practice hand washing with the children.



## VOLUNTEERING

Throughout the year, parents have often mentioned that they would like to volunteer some time in the classroom. If you are interested in volunteering in the classroom, please ask one of the teachers about when is a good time to come and spend some time in the classroom. Some ideas for volunteering include, but are not limited to: cooking with the children, creating an art project, story time, singing, or just playing with the children. Each month, the teachers will include information about the interest of volunteering in the newsletter.

## Conferences

The Children's School at St. John's has implemented several opportunities to meet and discuss the children's progress,

- 45 day getting to know you
- ages to stages screening
- fall and spring written evaluations where you will receive a paper copy
- any time by request

