



St. Mark Preschool is proud to offer a 5-day program to children ages four through five years, but not ready for Kindergarten. Children must be four by September 30th and fully potty-trained. Both full and half days are available; however, space is limited to 16 students to help us maintain our small student/teacher ratio.

Our Preschool program nurtures the individual child, while developing each child's talents and abilities in a school setting. St. Mark Preschool begins the foundation of academic excellence by following a play-based instructional program built around the Cleveland Catholic Diocese Early Learning Curriculum.

A large classroom is well-equipped with child-sized furnishings offering creative work/play opportunities. An example of the daily schedule is as follows:

St. Mark Preschool Schedule 2021-2022

- 8:00-8:30** Arrival/Sign-in/Table Activities
- 8:30 -8:45** Clean-Up/ Transition
- 8:45-9:05** Morning Meeting (Prayer, Pledge, Calendar, Weather)
- 9:05-9:30** Wash Hands/Snack
- 9:30-10:00** Gross Motor/ Outdoor Play
- 10:00- 10:30** Whole Group Lesson/ Read Aloud
- 10:30 -11:00** Developmental Learning Centers

- 11:00** Morning Students Dismissal

- 11:00-11:30** Wash Hands/ Lunch
- 11:30-12:00** Whole Group Lesson
- 12:00- 1:00** Rest
- 1:00-1:45** Small Groups
- 1:45-2:15** Read Aloud/Music and Movement/Free Play
- 2:15-2:30** Wash Hands/ Dismissal Prep

- 2:30** Dismissal

Meet our Teachers:

Welcome to Pre-K! My name is Amy Melvin-Marko, and I am absolutely thrilled to be your child's teacher this year! Prior to joining the St. Mark School community, I taught Kindergarten at a local Catholic school, that unfortunately closed its doors after the 2020-2021 school year. I am so excited to be here-it's going to be a great year!

I live in the Westpark area with my husband and our dog. A lifelong Clevelander, I attended St. Joseph Academy and Cleveland State University, where I obtained my BA in Psychology. I then continued my education at Notre Dame College, earning my post-baccalaureate teaching license.

Mrs. Virginia Greuloch is returning as our Pre-K aide. Mrs. Greuloch lives in St. Mark and has two children attending St. Mark School.

Mrs. Tracy Patton is the Preschool Director and also one of our Kindergarten teachers.. Mrs. Patton also resides in St. Mark and has two sons who have graduated from St. Mark.

We appreciate you choosing our program and look forward to a very educational and fun school year. Your children are in excellent hands!

If you have any questions regarding our PreK program, you are welcome to contact any of the following:

Mrs. Melvin-Marko, Classroom Teacher, : Melvin-marko@stmarkwestpark.com

Mrs. Virginia Greuloch, Classroom Aide, : greuloch@stmarkwestpark.com

Mrs. Tracy Patton, Preschool Director, : patton@stmarkwestpark.com

Mrs. Karen Cocita, St. Mark School Principal, at cocita@stmarkwestpark.com or contact the school office @216-521-4115.