

Villa 3-Year-Old Preschool at a Glance

The Villa 3-Year-Old Preschool classroom is a special place which provides the right mix of what children need to develop at their own pace. The curriculum is based on the standards of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State and the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children). It also follows guidelines provided by the American Pediatric Association. The curriculum allows for child-initiated activities with substantial teacher support. It facilitates creative development and fosters divergent thinking.

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Gross Motor

Behaviors which develop whole body co-ordination such as skipping, balancing, jumping, catching, etc.

Fine Motor

Behaviors which show the development of hand-eye coordination and finger control: textures, manipulatives, playdough, stringing beads, etc.

Social/Emotional

Behaviors include the child's ability to handle his feelings toward others in typical situations: cooperation, taking turns, etc.

Cognitive

Behaviors which include reasoning skills, memory, problem solving, and attention span.

Creative

Behaviors through which children express themselves, including art, dramatic play, music, storytelling, and acting.

Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, our three-year-old preschool will offer a full-day, five-days-a-week option. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Saddler at 838-5451, ext. 224.

Three-Year-Old Program Options

#1	Tues/Thur	8-11:30	\$80/month	\$720/year
#2	Mon/Wed/Fri	8-11:30	\$140/month	\$1,260/year
#3	Mon/Wed/Fri	8-2:45	\$244.50/month	\$2,200/year
#4	Mon — Fri	8-11:30	\$200/month	\$1,800/year
#5	Mon — Fri	8-2:45	\$325/month	\$2,925/year

\$50 non-refundable registration fee due at enrollment

Extended care is available through Villa's After-School Program.

Special Features

- ✓ Kindermusic
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Inclusion in VME Buddy Program



Villa 4-Year-Old Preschool at a Glance

The overall goal of the Villa Maria Elementary Preschool Program is to provide experiences that promote the cognitive, emotional, social and physical development of its students, in a Christian setting.

Our objectives are:

- to enhance and reinforce the development of expressive and receptive language in all areas of the curriculum
- to enhance the development of gross and fine motor skills
- to promote a positive self-image and respect for others and the differences they may have
- to foster creativity and expression through a variety of activities and materials
- to promote hands-on experiences that help in acquiring concepts and enhance their thinking skills
- to provide a safe child-centered environment that contains materials that are developmentally appropriate
- to enhance the relationship with a loving God through experiences that promote kindness, love, and respect
- to encourage politeness, sharing, kindness, generosity and prayer with our peers.

Snack Time – Children will need to bring a snack with them everyday. Juice or milk will be provided. Please send their snack in a Zip Loc bag with their name on it. Should a child forget their snack, we would like to have one available. Any donations (crackers, fruit snacks, etc.) would be greatly appreciated. This will ensure that everyone has a snack.

Birthdays – Parents are more than welcome to send in a treat for your child's birthday. Towards the end of the school year, the summer birthdays will be celebrated so that no one is left out.

Rest Time – With the busy preschool schedule, the children who stay all day need time to rest. They are not required to sleep, but many do fall asleep. Some days we may watch a video, listen to classical music or look at books while on our sleeping bags.

Cooking – We like to cook and bake with the children. The children absolutely love this activity and it is a perfect learning opportunity. We may request certain items from time to time to keep the cost of this activity down.

Music (Kindermusik Program) – Enjoy music and participate appropriately in musical activities, including learning songs, using musical instruments, body movement and rhythm.

God's Time – Our religion series topics cover:

- God Made Me
- I Can Discover the Five Senses
- Discovering God's Gifts
- I Can Love
- I Can Celebrate (various holidays)



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Learning Centers

"Opening the door to self guided exploration"

ABC Center – We will focus on recognizing the letters of the alphabet with various manipulative and media.

Building Center – The children have a variety of building materials to work with. Wooden blocks are the cornerstone for this center. The children will soon discover that they can build with all kinds of things.

Housekeeping Center – The children will have lots of outlets for the use of their imaginations, from acting out skits to playing school. They will be learning vital ways to work together as part of a team.

Dressing-Up Center – Dressing-up in "costumes" allows the children to explore different personalities, occupations, story characters or family members.

Community Center – The theme of the community center reflects what we are presently learning about. For example, when we were studying healthy foods, we set up a grocery store with cash registers, shopping carts and food containers. Other centers have been a post office, restaurant and pet store.

Other Special Activities

- Cooking in our Home-Ec room
- Swimming class at our campus pool
- Gym class at our campus gymnasium
- Kindermusik class that is offered here on campus
- Sharing time with our "Big Buddies," which are students from the upper grades
- Children will get to experience the outdoors on our beautiful campus where we wander frequently learning about nature, the seasons and creating fun experiments.

4-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM 2007-2008

Four-Year-Old Program Options

#1	Mon/Wed/Fri	8-11:30	\$140/month	\$1,260/year
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