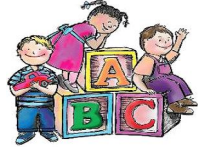


**Pre-Kindergarten** is designed for children who will be four years of age by December 31 of the current school year. They can attend class either three or five days per week for 2 ½ to eight hours per day. Our curriculum for the Pre-K classes integrates the prerequisites needed for academics. The children have the opportunity to love learning as they develop skills in caring for themselves and their classroom, engaging in a wide variety of activities. Pre-literacy work includes fantasy, factual information, nature, math and science.



**Enrichment** activities offered during lunch time or from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m. offer children an opportunity to have an intensive experience in a specific area. These classes vary every year and have included Sign Language, Cooking, Spanish, Movement, Italian, Music, Architecture, Around the World and more!

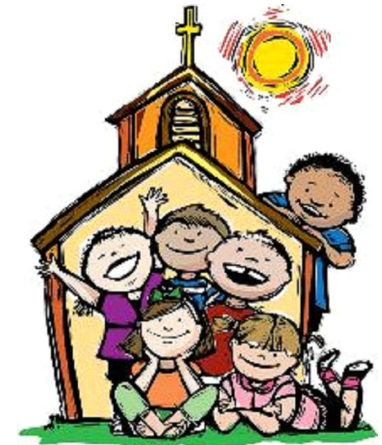
**St. Luke Summer Program** offers enrichment and recreational activities during the months that school is not in session. Experienced professional staff combined with hands-on art, nature, science and music activities as well as sports and games make this a wonderful program for children two to eight years old. Our air-conditioned classrooms make indoor activities pleasant while our beautiful grounds and playground allow plenty of outdoor time.

St. Luke Preschool and Early Childhood Center was established in 1966 and is located on a 5.9 acre site on Candlewood Path in Dix Hills. The school occupies the Education Building, which was built in 1970 and expanded in 2007. St. Luke Preschool is part of the Education Ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church. Our Senior Pastor and Family Life Minister participate in the Christian education of our program. Our staff participates in on-going child development and curriculum training to keep abreast of the most recent developments in high-quality preschools.

Enrollment is open to children from ten months to Pre-Kindergarten age, provided our school can meet the child's needs. We accept children without discrimination with regard to sex, race, disability, or religious affiliation.

We welcome parent involvement in our programs, and we are here to minister to the families we serve.

Interested parents are invited to call and make an appointment to tour our school and meet the Director and teachers. We would enjoy showing our wonderful school to you!



## **St. Luke Preschool and Early Childhood Center**

*Helping children  
grow, learn,  
and develop  
for 45 years!*

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## Philosophy of Our School

God has placed on parents the primary responsibility to educate their children. St. Luke Preschool is designed to assist parents by providing a Christian Early Childhood Program where children are helped to grow, learn, and develop physically, socially, emotionally, cognitively, and spiritually. St. Luke Preschool is a ministry of the congregation, and is open to anyone in the community.



### GOALS

- To provide an environment which supports the growth of the whole child in developmentally appropriate ways.
- To help children experience and learn about God's love.
- To encourage children to acquire self-esteem, concern for others, a sense of community and a spirit of sharing.
- To foster creativity, exploration, self-discipline, and love of learning.

## Our Program

The purpose of our program is to create a warm, caring, and nurturing environment by staffing it with loving teachers and staff who understand child development and have a deep commitment to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps the most outstanding quality of St. Luke Preschool is its highly qualified teaching staff. Many of the teachers hold advanced degrees and have extensive experience working with young children. All of our teachers are kept current with the best teaching strategies.

The school building was expanded in 2007. The classrooms are state-of-the-art early childhood design. In addition to natural light and bathroom(s), each classroom has block, art, math, dramatic play, science, library, and sensory learning centers. These centers support our curriculum as well as our loving and nurturing environment. The children attend Chapel every month and have other special enrichment classes as well.

The children have the opportunity to enjoy our spacious, fully enclosed playground every day. It is a wonderful time for them to interact with each other and exercise their imaginations as well as their motor skills.

St. Luke Preschool uses an Environment-Based Curriculum developed by Dr. Debby Cryer, a scientist at the Child Development Institute, UNC at Chapel Hill, and approved by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The curriculum has been developed just for preschoolers and includes time-proven successful strategies. It is aligned with NYS learning standards and academically enriched and reinforces skill development. The teachers at St. Luke build upon this curriculum using their own skills and experience.

St. Luke Preschool is licensed by the New York State

Office of Child and Family Services.

**Mommy & Me** is a class for a parent to be with his or her child and share a variety of activities such as singing, reading, gross motor fun and experimenting with art materials while sharing in Christian fellowship with classmates. Classes are offered for different age groups for children between 10 and 30 months and meet either once a week for 45 minutes or twice a week for an hour. There are two 15-week sessions.

**Learn & Play** is designed for children who will be two years of age by December 31 of the current school year. The children independently attend school for a 2½ hour session for two, three or five mornings or afternoons a week. Our curriculum emphasizes language, creative art, problem solving, coordination, music and beginning math and science skills.

**Preschool** is designed for children who are three years of age by December 31 of the current school year. The children can meet two, three, or five mornings or afternoons per week for 2½ or more hours per day. The curriculum for our preschool children gives them many hands-on experiences and the opportunity to develop positive relationships with their teachers and classmates in a safe environment. It includes language, social studies, math, music, dramatic play, science, gross and fine motor and self-help skills, which are all done through nursery rhymes, Bible stories, colors, shapes, the seasons and outdoor play.

