



OUR MISSION

St. Mary Star of the Sea School endorses the call of the Catholic bishops of the United States to express its educational ministry through the three objectives of personal spirituality, social justice, and a strong academic program in accord with Christian values. We are deeply committed to creating an atmosphere of universal, unconditional kindness and mutual respect. This commitment extends to building Christian community and to fostering Christian service to the whole human family.



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About Our Program

Nestled in historic City Island overlooking the Long Island Sound, St. Mary Star of the Sea is a Roman Catholic elementary school for Grades Pre-K3 through 8.

St. Mary Star of the Sea's Early Childhood Program, for children ages 3½ to 5, combines the best of traditional methodology with center-based learning in a safe and nurturing environment. We emphasize religious instruction and values, literacy and math. Technology is integrated across the curriculum and utilized for both enrichment and center time. Both Pre-K and Kindergarten utilize ChildChart, a computer-based assessment tool, and an interactive SMART Board.

Socialization, practical life skills and academic readiness are the focus of the Early Childhood Program, which is enhanced by the expertise of special subject teachers in the areas of art, music, physical education and computer technology. Playtime and recreation are also components of St. Mary Star of the Sea's Early Childhood Program.



Schedule

The Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are in session Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dismissal on Wednesday is 1:00 p.m.

An after-school program is available for Grades Pre-K through 8, Monday through Friday until 6:30 p.m.



Pre-K

Our full-day Pre-K program for 3½ and 4 year olds is learning-center based and incorporates hands-on activities. Children learn by interacting with others and by using fine motor skills. Computers, dramatic play, blocks, math, literacy and art are some of the learning centers available to Pre-K students. Children also have free playtime during which they can visit the center of their choosing. In addition, children participate in a variety of physical activities, such as the balance beam, dancing, and playing instruments. Our Pre-K teacher is SPARK certified (*Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids*).

Religious values and socialization are also important components of our Pre-K program. Pre-K students learn appropriate classroom behavior, such as kindness, respect, personal space, sharing and equality.

Kindergarten

Our full-day Kindergarten program focuses on developmental and readiness skills, as well as academics. Our program combines the best of traditional methods with center-based learning. Our main goal is to provide our students with the basic skills in religion, reading comprehension, creative writing, math, social studies, science, art, music and penmanship. Children have the opportunity to participate in many hands-on activities and to interact with other students. Physical activities designed to develop gross motor skills are incorporated into each day. Computer programs related to specific subject areas enhance the lessons. Instruction in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, as well as interpersonal skills and socialization, is also included.



Requirements

Children being enrolled in St. Mary Star of the Sea's Early Childhood Program must be 3½ years old by December 31 for Pre-K and 5 years old for Kindergarten. Children must be toilet trained. (*No disposable diapers allowed.*) Children may enroll in the Pre-K program for the second semester. A baptismal certificate (*for Catholics*), original birth certificate, and age-appropriate updated immunization and medical records must be presented before final registration.

Application

The application process is ongoing. Parents can stop by Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For additional information, call Mrs. Jane Dennehy, Principal, at 718-885-1527.