"Joey loves going to school every morning! He is coming out of his shell and making new friends. His fine motor skills and reading skills have improved immensely." Gina Bosco, preschool parent.

"St Al's/St. Pat's Preschool program is one of excellence. The program not only prepares your child for future learning in kindergarten but also helps them grow socially by building confidence and creating friendships." Stephanie Kula, preschool parent.



## Full Day Preschool





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## **Our Philosophy:**

St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick preschool is designed to support young learners by providing a positive environment where a child's first learning abilities emerge. We encourage independent learning and focus on the individual development of each child. We strive for each child to grow in self-confidence, develop social relationships, and have the academic skills they need for kindergarten. We hope for the children to begin a relationship with Jesus as they learn in a Christ centered community.



St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick teachers are caring and nurturing individuals who are trained in Early Childhood Education. They focus on the individual child and their growth and development and understand children grow and learn through play and social interactions. Teachers have a Christ centered philosophy and work with the needs of each individual child as they mature towards Kindergarten.



## Why does preschool matter?

"Children who attend high-quality preschool enter kindergarten with better pre-reading skills, richer vocabularies, and stronger basic math skills than those who do not."

National Institute for Early Education Research, W. Steven Barnett, PhD.



## **Curriculum:**

St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School follows the recommendations of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Children acquire knowledge of math, language, reading, and science skills through the use of hands on activities. The preschool classroom is set up in different learning "centers" i.e. science, reading, math, where the children focus on each skill. Preschoolers also explore outside the classroom and take classes in computers and physical education.