

Preschool sessions are held one to five mornings per week (Monday-Friday) from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; full day sessions last through 3:00p.m.

Classes are held in the lower level of the church. Classes begin one week after K-8 school begins and will conclude at the end of May. The school calendar is followed, and Pre-School is not in session if SS Philip and James School is not in session. Class size will be determined by state guidelines.

### **PRESCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE (MONDAY - FRIDAY):**

- Arrival of the teacher 8:30 a.m.
  
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Arrival/Choice Activities while children arrive
  - (help children respond to question of the day, how many jar, printing name)
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Opening Activities
  - (morning prayer, pledge, calendar, assign classroom jobs)
  - Language Arts
  - (Story time, language concept/theme development)
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. – Snack
  - (Wash hands, helpers set table for snack)
- 9:45 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. – Religion
  - (learning about God & Scripture through stories, songs, activities)
- 9:55 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. - Outdoor Play
  - (weather discussion)
- 10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Learning Centers
  - (children choose from centers: creative art, manipulative, blocks, Math & Science, sensory table, reading center, home center)
  - Clean Up
  - (Children put away toys/materials)
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – Music/Movement Activities
  - (Gym may be used)
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Small Groups
  - (Hands on Math, Science, and Pre-Reading Activities)
- 11:30 Closing Prayer/Dismissal of Morning Students
- 11:30-12:00 p.m.. – Lunch
  - (Students are welcome to buy hot lunch from the cafeteria).
- 12:00-12:30 p.m.. – Structured Play
- 12:30-2:00 p.m.. – Quiet/ Rest Time
- 2:00-3:00 p.m.. – Enrichment activities based on morning lessons.
- 3:00 p.m. Closing Prayer/Dismissal

**The Pre-School teachers and aides** meet state standards for persons working with young children. Certification in first aid, communicable diseases and child abuse recognition are required. Other in-service opportunities in early childhood education are also attended.

According to the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), children who attend a high-quality preschool enter kindergarten with better pre-reading skills, richer vocabularies, and stronger basic math skills than those who do not. In a loving, Catholic, family environment, Saints Philip and James preschool serves children ages 3-5.