



St. Catherine of Siena Pre-School Program

At Saint Catherine of Siena School, we offer a full-day tiered Pre-School Program made up of three classrooms. All children wear a uniform and are required to be potty-trained to enter the program. When a student comes to SCS, the Pre-School teachers and para-professionals screen each child before placing him or her into one of our tiered rooms. The screening is made up of observable behaviors and academic testing. Some, but not all, of the screening include:

- Knowledge of
 - Letters
 - Numbers
 - Colors
 - Shapes
- Ability to follow simple classroom rules
- Comprehension of stories read aloud
- Participation in the classroom community
- Ability to separate from a parent/guardian
- Showing control of writing instruments when coloring/tracing

The screening in the Spring is of the utmost importance, as it determines which classroom would most appropriately prepare the student to move onto Pre-Kindergarten the following year. If a child does not meet the age requirement of being 4 years of age by August 31st for Pre-Kindergarten, they will move into a different tier in Pre-School the following September.

The tiered classrooms are a great way for each pre-school child at St. Catherine of Siena School to learn in an environment that is ideal for them. All three classrooms are led by talented and knowledgeable teachers and paraprofessionals. Each class follows a similar curriculum and will have the Catholic values and traditions which we hold dear; but each teacher has the ability to use different teaching materials, methods, and strategies to ensure a fruitful and engaging experience at St. Catherine School. Students gain experiences in Art, Music, Gym, Spanish and Chinese, along with their academic activities. We are so excited about the growth of our program and look forward to a wonderful academic year filled with fun, faith, academic experiences and much more!

Parents have the opportunity to pick a 2-day, 3-day or 5-day option and are also able to sign up their children in our Extended Day Program until 6 P.M. for an additional fee. We still have openings in our program for this year, so please contact Mrs. Linda Canniff at (781) 769-5354 ext. 262 or admissions@scsnorwood.org. Applications for the following year can be submitted starting in mid-October.