



Holy Trinity School *Transitional Kindergarten ~ "TK"*

Welcome to Holy Trinity School Transitional Kindergarten Program. We are pleased you have chosen our school for your child. We look forward to sharing this year with you and your child.

Our goal is to provide a safe and supportive environment where each child can feel secure and thrive. We encourage you to visit us at any time. It is important for us to know that you are comfortable with our daily routine and overall program.

Transitional kindergarten is part one of our two year kindergarten program. It is specially designed for students who are not yet old enough for kindergarten but who will be 4 years old by December 2022. This program is not a preschool program. It is an academic and social bridge for students who will be entering the kindergarten program in August 2023.

Our staff members are professional teachers trained in Early Childhood Education. Each person working with your child meets the Archdiocese of Los Angeles educational requirements for teachers. Our teachers regularly engage in professional development in order to continually improve their teaching skills and gain fresh, new ideas.

We value open communication between home and school. Our staff is available during school hours and is always willing to answer any questions that you may have. In addition to this, we also have many parent resources to share with you throughout the year.

Again, we welcome you to Holy Trinity School. We are enthusiastic about working in partnership with you for the benefit of your child.

Mrs. Yolie Nelson
Director – Early Childhood Education Programs

Ms. Karen Lloyd
Principal

Philosophy and Goals

Holy Trinity Transitional Kindergarten shares in the gospel message to proclaim the goodness of God and in partnership with families, assists in the total development of the children that we teach. We work in partnership with parents to create a Christian atmosphere of faith which embraces diversity and fosters a spirit of love, support and openness. We provide a child-centered environment that strengthens the whole child spiritually, intellectually, socially, physically and psychologically.

Children learn and develop in stages, and we strive to meet each child at whatever developmental stage he/she is in and offer experiences that will challenge him/her to reach the next stage. Our program offers many different experiences each week, assuring that each child has had the chance to absorb the lesson, no matter what his or her learning style is. Concepts are taught through cross curricular integrated units. Each theme is taught through books, hands-on art experiences, music, dramatic play, language development and free play. During play, teachers interact with the child, helping him/her with oral language skills and problem solving.

Educating children requires concern, love, time and energy. The TK staff participate in various organizations that benefit the safety and the education of young children. Our program is approved by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and our school is fully accredited by WCEA/WASC.

We feel that education must be a cooperative endeavor between parents and the school. Parents are an integral part of their child's program. We have an open-door policy and parents are welcome at any time of the day. Parents may also become involved in other aspects of the school. We rely upon our parents to volunteer their time, talents and support in the many jobs that need doing.

Our hope is that the children will view themselves as worthwhile children of God and develop their own unique potentials during these preschool years.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Holy Trinity School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation. While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

Daily Activities

Our daily curriculum is planned so that students can experience a variety of age-related activities.

These activities include the following:

- ❖ **Creative Play Centers:** A time of exploration with special activities and creative adventures.
- ❖ **Sharing Time:** Small groups working on communication and listening skills.
- ❖ **Creative Movement:** Activities involving small and large motor development and hand-eye coordination (including movement to music, following the leader, acting out with dramatic play, singing songs).
- ❖ **Motor Development:** Perceptual motor development through special indoor and outdoor activities.
- ❖ **Snack Time:** Learning to eat nutritionally and use manners in a group setting.
- ❖ **Curriculum Time:** Individual daily activities set up to create curiosity and generate sensory experiences in math and language arts.
- ❖ **Outdoor Time:** Free play and organized teacher-directed activities stressing large motor coordination in the play yard.
- ❖ **Story Time:** Opportunity to develop listening skills and language/vocabulary with books, stories, poems and finger plays.
- ❖ **Religion Time:** A special time of worship with songs, stories about God and His love for us, and prayer.

General Information

- ☺ TK Students must be 4 years old by December 2022
- ☺ Student must be able to use the bathroom completely without assistance. As will happen on occasion, if a “potty” accident happens, student must be able to change his/her self independently
- ☺ There is no formal testing
- ☺ The TK / K teachers will conduct a brief interview with the child and the parent
- ☺ Students will wear the HT uniform available through *Dennis Uniforms*
- ☺ Transitional Kindergarten will follow the same hours and days as Kindergarten
- ☺ The tuition for Transitional Kindergarten is the same as the rest of the school
- ☺ Before and after school daycare is open to Transitional Kindergarteners for the normal additional fee
- ☺ For more information, please contact the school office (323) 663-2064