

Inside a Preschool Classroom – Fall 2020

While the inside of our school building and classrooms looks different this year, our mission is the same. This year, our students and teachers wear masks and keep a safe distance from each other. Everyone entering the school building follows a health screening procedure. Clear partitions are used when necessary. Students are outside as much as the weather allows for snack and extra playtime.

Preschool at OLW is still the same great place it has always been.

Our preschool teachers believe each child is special and unique and they feel joy when your children succeed; they work with each young learner individually so that they grow in knowledge and skills during the school year. It is important to our teachers that every student feels proud of their work every day.



Playtime, crafts, outdoor play and movement are all important parts of the learning process for young children. Each day, our preschool teachers incorporate many opportunities for indoor, outdoor and cooperative play. In a normal year, they also encourage cooperative play among classmates.



Each days starts with the Pledge of Allegiance and morning prayer. PK students work on learning the days of the week and numbers every morning. Each preschool classroom has a SMART board which is used to help teach a variety of concepts, including letters and sounds through Jolly Phonics. Exposure to a variety of words and literature is an important aspect of the early childhood learning experience. They also learn STEM concepts in a very age appropriate way.



Preschool students participate in the Wildcat Prowl, attend Mass with the school, and are part of the Buddy Program. There are many preschool traditions such as their Christmas Program, Mother's Day Tea, and Scavenger Hunt with Dad. This year, some of these traditions are on hold and some have been modified. In October, PK students did show their school spirit and pride during the Wildcat Prowl.



Our Lady of the Wayside School is dedicated to enriching our students' minds, fostering a deep and meaningful faith in each child, and expanding their talents.

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