

SAINT ATHANASIUS Junior Kindergarten Program

Half Day, Lunch Bunch, and Full Day Options

St. Athanasius Junior Kindergarten is a safe and nurturing program. We honor and support each child's individuality through exposure to concepts in a variety of developmentally appropriate ways. We believe learning should be joyful, child-friendly, and active.

Free Choice Learning Centers:

Manipulatives
Imaginary Play
Sensory Experiences

Jolly Phonics
Handwriting without Tears/Get Set for School
The Beginner's Bible

Imaginary play is experienced in a variety of ways. The children play in **Imagination Alley**, developing their creativity and social skills. Construction Zone is another area for imaginative and creative play. This area develops problem solving and mathematical skills.

The children visit our **multi-sensory room** where they can use the sand table, mini trampoline, doll houses, big/small building blocks, play dough, paint, and express themselves through dance.

Quiet reading areas are available, like our teepees. **Manipulatives** include magna tiles, Legos, puzzles, tinker toys, gears, and others.

Curriculum is designed to be thorough whether you choose a half day or full day option. Lunch Bunch and the full day program offers enrichment activities, along with additional opportunities for rest, socialization and meaningful play.

Jolly Phonics Program:

Jolly Phonics provides students a thorough foundation for reading and writing. It uses the synthetic phonics method of teaching letter sounds in a way that is fun and multi-sensory. Children use the letter sounds to read and write words.

Handwriting without Tears:

Handwriting without Teachers builds skills developmentally, through play, music, activities, and hands-on materials.

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Get Set for School:

Language and Literacy - Through dramatic play, singing, finger plays, manipulatives, and movement, students learn to rhyme, clap syllables, make and break compound words, and identify sounds. Children are exposed to rich literature to foster a love of reading, build vocabulary, and learn how books work. Children will learn to use new words and develop oral language skills by listening, retelling, and narrating stories. They learn that there is meaning in the words they say.

Numbers & Math - This program helps children to build number sense. We use manipulatives, music and rhymes to teach counting, comparisons, spatial awareness, patterning, sequencing, matching, sorting, problem solving, and beginning geometry skills. Lessons allow children time to play with real objects and test their ideas so that math becomes real and meaningful. Children practice oral language skills that help them learn about and express math concepts.

Beginner's Bible:

The Beginner's Bible uses stories so that children can explore their faith, by learning about Jesus and building empathy for others. The children also visit and take care of our classroom prayer table.

