

St. Teresa's Preschool Goals

1. To develop a love for God and others
2. To have each child acquire an excitement for school.
3. To prepare each student for kindergarten.

The Curriculum will offer activities in the following areas:

Spiritual	Readiness
Large Motor	Fine Motors
Emotional/Social	Science
Social Studies	Music/Art

Emotional/Social

The goal is to promote self-esteem and self-worth. Students will do the following; Be comfortable walking from the school door into the classroom by him/herself, Be responsible for his/her personal items such as school bags, coats, hats, mittens, etc, Become more comfortable talking and volunteering during class, through show and tell sessions, and get a sense that he/she is competent at what they are doing, by positive reinforcement.

Large & Fine Motor

The goal is to enhance and improve each child's physical development. We will do activities to:

- (a) Improve the student's balance and flexibility.
- (b) Improve gross motor skills such as running, throwing, tumbling, catching, hopping, skipping, etc....
- (c) Develop fine motor skills through activities with play dough, stringing beads, manipulatives, etc.....

Spiritual

The goal is for students to explore the Catholic faith and the special gifts that God has given us.

We will learn the following prayers:

Sign of the Cross	Blessing Before Meals
Morning Prayer	Our Father
Angel of God	

Students will also gain knowledge in some of the basic stories of the Bible and do activities in regards to the seasons of the Church year.

Social Studies

The goal is for students to learn about the world around them and their communities.

We will explore the following areas:

Community Helpers	Pilgrims	Kansas
School Helpers	All About Me	

Readiness

The goal is to give students the skills for success in Kindergarten.

Students will:

- (a) Identify & write A – Z, as well as a – z.
- (b) Practice the skills of perception, patterning, sequencing, classifying, matching, and rhyming.
- (c) Have read-aloud and story time everyday.
- (d) Rote count to at least 10 without mistakes (3 yr. olds)
- (e) Rote count to at least 20 without mistakes (4 yr. olds).
- (f) Correctly identify and write numerals 1-10 (4 yr. olds).
- (g) Identify and draw 4 Basics Shapes
- (h) Identify and use 8 Basic Colors
- (i) Write and spell first name correctly (4 yr. olds)
- (j) Begin to write name (3 yr. old)

Science

We will explore special science units including:

Senses	Plants	Nutrition
Body Parts	Animals	Seasons/Weather

Art/Music

The goal is for the students to take time to appreciate the arts and music. The students will do activities including:

Coloring	Finger-painting	Cutting
Pasting	Silly songs/Rhymes	Fingerplays

SCHOOL POLICIES AND INFORMATION

ADMISSIONS

A child must be five years of age before September 1st of the school year to be eligible to enter Kindergarten. (Kansas State Law)

A child must be 3 years old be September 1st to enter 3-year old preschool and 4 year old be September 1st to enter 4-year-old preschool.

Parents enrolling their child into school for the first time must present a Kansas Certification of Immunization and physical form. Immunizations required are: polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, mumps, tetanus rubella, and HIB. Kindergarten students are also required to have a Hepatitis B and Varicella immunization. In addition to health records, parents must also present child's certificate of birth and Baptism.

All children eligible for Kindergarten must go through screening. The results of this screening will help to determine readiness for Kindergarten. In accordance with Diocesan policy, placement for Kindergarten will be determined based upon the advisement of the school.

REGISTRATION FEES

3 – year old preschool - \$45.00

4 – year old preschool - \$45.00

Special note: Students withdrawing from school before August 1st will be refunded half of the registration fee. Students withdrawing after school begins will forfeit the entire fee.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Preschool monthly fees:

3-year-old – Aug. - \$20.00. Sept. – May - \$40.00

4-year-old – Aug. - \$25.00. Sept. – May - \$55.00

*** Dues will be due by the 10th of the month.

TITHING

It is each parent/guardian's responsibility to tithe to the church on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. All families are expected to give some proportionate share of their "Time, Talent, and Treasure" as a tithe to the parish in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Non-Catholics who desire to send their children to St. Teresa's School will be required to pay the full amount necessary to educate a child within our school system.

Preschool Hours and Driveway Rules:

Please escort your child to the classroom door on arrival, until they are able to do this on their own. Tell your child good-bye at the door and let them hang up their own coats and schoolbags. The classroom door will not be open until 5 minutes before class starting time.

Dismissal – Students who go to the Latch key Program will be dismissed at the front of the school with the class. If you pick other children up in the back of school, you will need to pick up your preschool child first and then proceed to the back. The teacher will escort students out to your car. Pick up will be in front of the school (5th street) loading zone. The line needs to start across the street in the parking lot. At dismissal time, the first car needs to approach the loading zone area. (Each car is allowed one minute for the teacher to load their child). When your child is securely in the car, please move on so the next car may pull

up. If the weather is bad, the students will stand in the gym until their car pulls up.

Please do not be late picking up your child. If you will be running late, please notify the school office right away. Your child will be waiting for you in the office. If it is 10 minutes after the class period, please pick your child up in the office.

Absences and Illness

Please call the school before class time on any day your child will be absent. Do not send your child if he or she has had a fever or vomited within 24 hours.

Health and Safety

* St. Teresa Catholic School is provided health services by a visiting registered nurse from USD 308. This nurse works in close cooperation with the principal and teachers. If parents/guardians have any questions or concerns regarding the health of their child/(ren), an appointment may be set up with the nurse by contacting the school office. Parents/guardians are expected to inform the principal and the classroom teacher(s) of any health problems their child/(ren) may have.

* If a child becomes ill or is injured while at school, every effort will be made to care for him/her until a parent/guardian or designated emergency contact arrives for the child. It is imperative that the school be kept informed of who is to be contacted in case of an emergency or illness and where they may be reached. No student will be released until such a contact is made. In an extreme emergency, a student will be taken to his/her family physician (or emergency room, if physician is unavailable) if parent/guardian or emergency contact cannot be reached.

* First aid treatment will be administered to injured students as needed. First aid and CPR training renewal will be given to faculty and staff as needed.

* A child who has been absent due to a contagious disease must check with the school office before being admitted back to class. The child will be excluded from school for the period of time recommended by the Kansas State Board of Health. Any students exposed to a contagious disease will be given a note to take home to parents/guardians explaining the exposure. Children who have had head lice must have a signed approval from the family doctor or Reno County Health Department to return to school.

If your child has any food allergies, please contact the teacher immediately. It is important to inform the teacher so snacks can be planned around any allergies.

School Vacation

Our preschool schedule follows St. Teresa Catholic School schedules. There will be approximately 68 days of school for 3-year-old classes and 103 days for 4-year-old classes. Snow days will be the same as the grade school. Cancellations are announced on local radio and TV stations in Hutchinson.

Preschool Dress Attire

Clothes should be neat and clean. For both boys and girls, slacks and jeans are appropriate attire.

Please – only clothing students can handle in the bathroom alone. Teachers or aides are not permitted to help buckle/unbuckle, snap or button your child’s clothing.

In preschool, sweats and shorts are permitted. Shorts may be worn in August, September, and May only. Health codes require socks worn while attending school.

All preschoolers are expected to be able to put on their own jackets and coats. The teacher or aide will help zip or button.

Girls – Moderation in appearance of dress, hair, jewelry, etc. is expected. Earrings should not dangle. Students may not wear make-up.

Boys – “Extreme” boy’s hairstyles, such as shaved lines, tails, Mohawks, etc. are not within the spirit of the school. Hair length for boys must be cut above the eyebrows, ears, and shirt collars. No earrings may be worn at school or school sponsored activities.

The Principal reserves the right to determine what is acceptable.

Toilet – Training

All children must be toilet trained to attend Preschool. In accordance with Kansas State Law, school personnel will not wipe your child or change your child’s clothes if an accident occurs. Contact the school if your child has special problems using the bathroom.

3 year olds – If 3 accidents occur, the parents and teacher will meet to discuss child’s readiness for school.

4 year olds – If 2 accidents occur the parents and teacher will meet to discuss child’s readiness.

Conferences

4 yr. olds only – Parent/Teacher conferences will be two times during the year. Progress reports will be sent home at mid-term of every nine weeks. The teacher may need to talk with you about your child at other times where there is a need. It is very important to keep lines of communication open. Contact the teacher at school if you have any questions or concerns.

3 yr. olds – An evaluation will be done on your child at the end of the year. The results will be sent home and kept on file at the school.

Celebrations

Birthday treats are more than welcome. Please contact the teacher prior to the day of the birthday. We love having treats, but please no presents, balloons, clowns, etc....

Invitations may be brought to school and passed out only if each member of the class receives one. No one wants to be left out of a party.

Holiday parties are permitted for Christmas and Valentines Day. Parents are welcome to send or bring treats on party days. Room mothers will be in charge of these parties.

Show and Tell

Students have an opportunity each week to bring a “Show and Tell” item. Please do not allow children to bring any other toys to school

Mass

Preschool students will attend Mass on the second Friday of each month, Holy Days, or special occasions. Parents will be informed of the days the students will be attending. Please make sure your child is at school so we may leave the classroom at 7:55 a.m.

Parent Volunteers

If there are any parents or grandparents wanting to volunteer their time and talents with a special project, driving on field trips, etc.... Please contact the school.

St. Teresa Catholic School Pre-School Supply List

Backpacks or school bag – must be able to open and close and large enough for papers.
Backpacks / bags with wheels are not allowed.

***** Please send an extra change of clothes and underwear marked with name in a plastic zip lock bag to school the first day. (In case of an accident or spill.)**

3 year old list

1 box of 8 thin
Crayola Crayons

Please no large or big crayons

6 – Large Elmer Glue
Sticks

1- Box of Kleenex
1- Pack of Playdoh

4 year old list

2 box's of 8 thin
Crayola Crayons

6- Large Elmer
Glue Sticks

1- Box of Kleenex
1- Pack of Playdoh
2 – Folders with
Pockets