



Dear Parents,

Thank you for expressing interest in the Nativity Early Learning Center. The Center has been serving families for over 20 years. The Nativity Early Learning Center (NELC) offers excellent academic programs grounded in Christian faith and strong traditions for children 33 months to 12 years old. The NELC offers pre-school academic programs with extracurricular activities and kindergarten through sixth grade extended day programs for before and after school. In addition to our school year program we also offer a summer camp with field trips and special adventures and activities.

The enclosed packet includes a brief explanation of the programs that we offer. To begin the application process, please give Nicole McGie, the NELC director, a call at 651-696-5437 to get your child on the waiting list. Enrollment at the NELC is on a first come, first serve basis, considering space availability within each classroom or age group and the age appropriateness of the child.

Beginning March 2nd, we will open up fall and summer registration to those families on the waiting list in order to fill all of the available spots. New students will be accepted according to the following priority list:

1. Children who currently have siblings attending the NELC programs.
2. First come, first serve basis according to the waiting lists.

Please feel free to contact the director if you need further information about our program or would like to schedule a tour.

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Nativity Early Learning Center Program Options

<p>Half Day Preschool</p>	<p>2 day program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tues/Thurs • 33 months to 4 years old • 9:00am-11:30am or 12:00pm-2:30pm <p>3 day program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon/Wed/Fri • 4-5 years old • 9:00am-11:30am or 12:00pm-2:30pm 	<p>Curriculum Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint of the Month • Bible Story Time • Special “Snow Days” • Monthly Themes • Show and Tell • Letter of the Week 	<p>Must be completely toilet trained to attend</p> <p>Staff to child ratio of 1:10</p> <p>This program follows the Nativity School Calendar</p>
<p>Full Day Preschool</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 months to 5 years old • 6:30am-6:00pm <p>Program Day Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 days a week (M-F) • 4 days a week (M-TH) • 3 days a week (MWF) • 2 days a week (TTH) 	<p>Curriculum Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Large Motor Room and Gym at Nativity School • Sign Language • Spanish Learning • Bible Story Time • Letter of the Week • Weekly Themes 	<p>Must be completely toilet trained to attend</p> <p>Staff to child ratio of 1:8</p>
<p>Extended Day</p>	<p>Children enrolled at Nativity School in Grades Kindergarten-6th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30am to 8:00am and 2:45pm to 6:00pm <p>Program Day Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 days a week (M-F) • 4 days a week (M-TH) • 3 days a week (MWF) • 2 days a week (TTH) 	<p>Curriculum Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Classroom Activities • Homework Time • Snack • Free Choice Time • Outside Time • Large Motor Room • Children are able to participate in extracurricular activities at Nativity School 	<p>Must be completely toilet trained to attend</p> <p>Staff to child ratio of 1:15</p>
<p>Summer Camp</p>	<p>Ages 33 months to 6th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30am-6:00pm <p>Program Day Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 days a week (M-F) • 4 days a week (M-TH) • 3 days a week (MWF) • 2 days a week (TTH) 	<p>Curriculum Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Themes • Hands on Activities • Group Games • Arts and Crafts • Field Trips • The Bookmobile • Gardening • Outside Time • Camp Carnival • Groveland Park Trips 	<p>Must be completely toilet trained to attend</p> <p>Staff to Preschool Ratio of 1:8</p> <p>Staff to Extended Day ratio of 1:15</p>

Nativity Early Learning Center Summer Camp

“Come Play and Explore with Us”



The Nativity Early Learning Center Summer Camp is a 12 week program designed to keep children from ages 33 months – 6th grade involved in a fun educational atmosphere.

Each week is filled with different and exciting themes, hands on activities, arts and crafts, field trips, gardening, trips to the park, and much more!

It's an educating, fun filled way for your child to spend their summer!

Some of the Field Trips:

- ✚ Science Museum
- ✚ Como Zoo
- ✚ French Park
- ✚ Bowling
- ✚ State Capitol
- ✚ The Blast
- ✚ Mike the Baker
- ✚ Underwater World
- ✚ Grand Slam
- ✚ Crystal Caves
- ✚ New Hope Cinema Grill
- ✚ Pump It Up
- ✚ Eagles Nest
- ✚ Cascade Bay
- ✚ Murphy's Landing
- ✚ California Pizza Kitchen
- ✚ Dodge Nature Center
- ✚ Twin's Game
- ✚ Highland Library
- ✚ Edina Aquatic Center
- ✚ Ax-Man
- ✚ Children's Museum
- ✚ Wildlife Science Center

What You Can Expect:

- Great Ratios**
Excellent Teachers!
- ✚ Hands-on activities
 - ✚ Weekly Themes
 - ✚ K-6th- Will focus on a different country each week
 - ✚ Group Games
 - ✚ Arts and Crafts
 - ✚ Outside Time
 - ✚ Gardening
 - ✚ Bi-weekly trips to Groveland Park + Picnics
 - ✚ Bookmobile
 - ✚ Sprinkler and water activities
 - ✚ Field Trips on/off site
 - ✚ Camp Carnival

Sample Daily Routine:

- ✚ Breakfast served from 6:30-8:00am
- ✚ Free Choice time
- ✚ Snack- twice daily
- ✚ Group Activity and Project
- ✚ Outside time
- ✚ Lunch
- ✚ Nap/Quiet Rest time for 3-5 year olds
- ✚ Reading/Journal time
- ✚ Classroom time
- ✚ Field Trips

Center Information:

- **2 day, 3 day, 4 day, and 5 day options available**
- **Hours 6:30 AM– 6:00 PM**

Please contact Nicole McGie at 651-696-5437 or nmcgie@nativity-mn.org for more information

Nativity Early Learning Center Preschool Program Plan

The Nativity Early Learning Center is committed to academic excellence for half day and full day preschool children, while also expanding the work of Nativity School for students in our extended day programs before and/or after school.

Our staff is committed to providing children with a curriculum that continues to grow as they do! Your child will experience the joys of learning in their preschool classroom as they explore the following academic areas:

Daily Living	Care of self and environment; food preparation
Sensorial	Discrimination and refinement of the five senses
Language	Phonetics, writing composition, recognition and reading
Mathematics	Number recognition, quantity and symbols
Natural Science	Biology, general science
Social Studies	World cultures, geography and our community
Art/Music	An integral part of our curriculum...is music, art and movement
Religious Education	Children will grow in their understanding of the bible, prayer, Catholic holidays, learning about saints and the development of morals based on our Catholic faith.

There are four core areas of development that our youngest children focus on throughout their days in the preschool programs at the NELC. These core areas encompass our eight primary academic areas.

Physical Development	Gross Motor Skills - Sliding, climbing on climbers, swinging, and playing with different size balls, playing groups' games, dancing, and tumbling.
	Fine Motor Skills - Practical life, sensorial, cutting, pasting, painting, coloring, puzzles, turning pages of books – eye/hand coordination (daily living).
Cognitive Development	Geography, science, mathematics, language development, problem solving, games, puzzles, manipulatives, building with different objects, reading/writing readiness.
Social Development	Group activities: Story time, snack, and lunchtime, show and tell, music, creative movement, dramatic play. Goal of interacting with others appropriately.
	Individual activities: Language area, science and cognitive areas, playground time, learning basic routines and distinguishing between right and wrong.
Emotional Development	Sensorial: Sand and water play, art activities, clay and play dough, cooking. Provide a cheerful, inviting atmosphere for work and play.
	Community: Learning about different types of community, building relationships with peers and adults create self-confidence and independence. Encourage curiosity and self-motivation.

Areas of the Classroom

The following is a sample list of some of the terms you may hear your preschooler child or child's teacher use to explain the areas of the classroom and the activities that occurred.

Quiet	Dressing frames, wet/dry pouring, table scrubbing, books, sensorial activities, geometrical shapes, puzzles, magnetic letters, movable alphabet, sequencing and matching cards
Active	Tumbling mat, climber/slide, parachute, pushing and riding toys, wooden cars and trucks, balls of various sizes, musical instruments
Teacher Directed	Classroom presentations, child of the week, literature appreciation, art projects, music and creative movement, group games, puppet shows, show and tell and science experiments
Child Initiated	Practical life, sensorial, math, language, geography, science, dramatic play, large and small blocks, manipulatives, easel, water table

Nativity Early Learning Center Extended Day Program Plan

The goal of our extended day program is to offer families a program that meets and understands the growing demands and challenges that families face today. Whether your children need a quality program before or after school – Nativity Early Learning Center is here to provide extended care to your children.

Children arriving between 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. will be offered breakfast and time to socialize with teachers and their peers. The after school program offers:

- Snack and juice
- Time for homework and, if necessary, teacher help
- Outside playground time
- Choice of activities as well as teacher directed activities.

The following goals are met by allowing children to explore their options and make decisions with guidance from a dedicated staff in a structured, yet fun, setting:

1. Furthering the work of our school system to develop and expand skills and cultural interests in the world around them.
2. Developing relationships with others and working together in cooperative group situations.
3. Forming good habits, respect for others, and accepting responsibilities.
4. Developing self-confidence and sharing in the planning process of their group.
5. Developing values and moral principles.
6. Developing the skills necessary for fun and adventure.

After School Extracurricular Activities at Nativity School

Nativity School offers many extracurricular activities for its students, many of which take place in the school directly after classes. Due to the close connection between the school and the Early Learning Center, it is possible for our children to participate in some of those activities. The activities range from intramural sports to music lessons to scouting programs. A complete listing of after school programs available to your children is available on the school web site under extra-curricular activities.

Nativity Early Learning Center
Monthly Rates Effective June 2011-May 31, 2012

2011 Summer Program Rates

Summer Camp Program

5 Days a week (M-F)	\$1032.00 per month
4 Days a week (M-Th)	\$826.00 per month
3 Days a week (MWF)	\$619.00 per month
2 Days a week (TTh)	\$413.00 per month

2011-2012 School Year NELC Program Rates

Half Day Preschool Program

3 Day Program (4 and 5 year olds)	\$194.00 per month
2 Day Program (3 and 4 year olds)	\$148.00 per month

Full Day Preschool Program

5 Days a week (M-F)	\$1032.00 per month
4 Days a week (M-Th)	\$826.00 per month
3 Days a week (MWF)	\$619.00 per month
2 Days a week (TTh)	\$413.00 per month

Extended Day Program: Grades Kindergarten-6th - Before AND After School

5 Days a week (M-F)	\$572.00 per month
4 Days a week (M-Th)	\$456.00 per month
3 Days a week (MWF)	\$341.00 per month
2 Days a week (TTh)	\$229.00 per month

Extended Day Program: Grades Kindergarten-6th - Before OR After School

5 Days a week (M-F)	\$455.00 per month
4 Days a week (M-Th)	\$364.00 per month
3 Days a week (MWF)	\$277.00 per month
2 Days a week (TTh)	\$187.00 per month

Extra Care Days

If your child needs extra care on days when school is not in session the additional daily rates are:

Extended Day Program: Grades Kindergarten-6 th	\$20.00 per day
Days not normally scheduled to attend	\$37.50 per day