

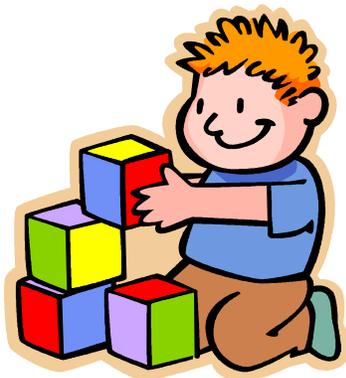


Bridges

at

St. Thomas More Nursery School and Kindergarten

"Building the First Blocks"



Ages 2 ½—6

(Including Full Day Kindergarten)

New Jersey State Licensed and Certified

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Founder and Director Luann Normandia

SUCCESSFULLY SHAPING CHILDREN'S LIVES SINCE 1990

OUR PROGRAM

- Reading Readiness Program
- Mathematical Concepts
- Introduction to all Academic Areas
- Science and Nature
- Fine and Gross Motor Skills
- Language Arts
- Arts & Crafts
- Christian Principles
- Holiday Festivals
- Mother's Day
- Father's Night
- Grandparent's Day
- Tactile Experiences
- Music and Movement

And Much More!

OUR STAFF

Our staff includes Certified Teachers as well as Trained Aides. Our teachers and aides are all experienced and well educated to provide a safe and enjoyable learning environment for your child. Parents say, "It's like leaving my child with family."

CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES

Children do most of their learning between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5. These are the formative years where values are internalized; therefore, learning old-fashioned Christian values and principles will be a welcome addition to your child's pre-school experiences. Your child will know that Christmas is more than just "Santa" and that Easter is more than just the "Easter Bunny". At Bridges at St. Thomas More Nursery School and Kindergarten, God is an important part of your child's day.

SPECIAL EVENTS

During the school year we will be visited by the Fire Department, Police Department, a dentist, in addition to other professionals. We will have pumpkins at Halloween, a heartwarming Christmas performance, and a sentimental graduation ceremony.

There is always something special going on at Bridges at St. Thomas More Nursery School and Kindergarten!

Why Parents Choose Bridges at St. Thomas More?

With all the schools that are available for you to choose from and knowing how important this decision is, please consider the following reasons why Bridges creates the best start for your child.

“There is increasing evidence that children gain a lot from going to preschool,” says Kathleen McCartney, Ph.D., dean of Harvard Graduate School of Education, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. “At preschool, they become exposed to numbers, letters, and shapes.” And, more importantly, “they learn how to socialize – get along with other children, share, and contribute to circle time.”

“Children who attend high quality preschools enter kindergarten with better pre-reading skills, richer vocabularies, and stronger basic math skills than those who do not.” (W. Steven Barnett, Ph.D.). In addition to strengthening socialization skills, learning to compromise, being respectful of others and problem solving, Bridges provides a place where your child can gain a sense of self, explore, enjoy peer interaction, and build confidence. “Kids in preschool discover they are capable and can do things for themselves – from small tasks like setting snack tables to tackling bigger issues like making decisions about how to spend their free time.” (Angela Capone, Ph.D.).

Children need to be imaginative and to socialize – that’s what fosters creative, well rounded people. It’s not whether they can read by age 4 or multiply by age 5 that is important. Learning to raise your hand, take turns, separate from mommy or daddy, and share the teacher’s attention are skills that will make transition into kindergarten much easier. Kindergarten teachers will tell you that the students who are ready to learn are those who come into school with good social and behavior-management skills. These skills are an integral part of Bridges’ curriculum.

Each age group has its own curriculum designed to address their current needs and prepare them for their next challenge. We begin with our 18 month old Mommy & Me toddlers who transition into our 2½ year old program. From there the children step up to our 3 or 3½ year old program. This sets the foundation for our Pre-k program. Here the children are prepared for our full day kindergarten program or our kindergarten enrichment classes.

Bridges at St. Thomas More strives to teach the whole child. We understand the importance of this and take our responsibility very seriously. This is the reason behind the three-part curriculum at Bridges: academic, religious, and socialization. We look forward to sharing this experience with you and your family. To discuss your child’s placement at Bridges or to schedule a visit please call (732) 446-3107.

***See separate insert for School Policies, Prices and Application**

SCHOOL SESSIONS

Session 1 (Pre-K Only)	M/W/F	9:30—12:00
Session 2 (Pre-K Only)	M/W/F	12:30—3:00
Session 3	T/Th	9:30—12:00
Session 3a (2 1/2 yr-olds only)	T/Th	9:30—12:00
Session 4	T/Th	12:30—3:00
Session 4a (2 1/2 yr-olds only)	T/Th	12:30—3:00
Session 5 (Pre-K Only)	M/W/F	9:30—2:30
Session 6 (Pre-K Only)	T/Th	9:30—2:30
Session 6a (3 1/2 yr-olds)	T/Th	9:30—1:30 1:30—2:30
Session 7 (3 1/2 yr-olds)	M/W/F	9:30—12:00
Session 8 (3 1/2 yr-olds)	M/W/F	12:30—3:00
Session 9 (Pre-K Only)	Mon—Fri	9:30—2:30
Kindergarten	Mon—Fri	9:20—2:50

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