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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & AIM

We offer an enrichment program of living experiences and a curriculum geared to the needs of two, three and four-year-old children. Our program will help to strengthen them physically, socially, mentally and emotionally. It will prepare them for meeting success in later educational experiences.

Our aim is ...

- to encourage children to think
- to show them that they are worthwhile individuals and competent members of their group
- to help them understand and realize their capabilities
- to increase their attention span
- to follow directions
- to give them the proper stimuli to promote their creativity and understanding of the world around them.



St. Stephen's provides an accepting and loving atmosphere in which children may grow, experiment and reach their own highest potential without fear of failure.

We are a non-denominational school and welcome children of all race and color.

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**ALL TEACHERS ARE FULLY QUALIFIED  
AND CPR & FIRST AID CERTIFIED**

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program provides time for free play, circle, music, rhythm, painting, computer and learning concepts and skills.

During free play, the children are free to choose their own activity: painting, cutting, computer, rug or table play.



The children are then divided into two groups, each having their own teacher for: show and tell, art activity, learning concept, and snack. They then join together for circle time, exercise, dance, music and rhythm.

## ADMISSIONS

- Children are to be three or four years old by October 1, or two years old by June 1.
- Pupils will be accepted in the order in which their applications are received.
- A \$50.00 registration fee must accompany the registration form. A family that has two or more children enrolled in the same year need only to pay one registration fee.

*A registration form may be downloaded from the website at [www.preschoolststephens.org](http://www.preschoolststephens.org)*

## CURRICULUM

- **Security**—Developing confidence and trust outside the home and family.
- **Social Development**—Getting along with peers in a group, demonstrating courtesy and respect and extending consideration through the ability and willingness to share.
- **Self-Control**—Ability to listen to stories and follow directions.
- **Behavior Patterns**—Coping with fear, anger and guilt; cultivating optimism and a healthy attitude through fun, play and humor.
- **Individual Traits**—Developing self-confident and independence, and expressing satisfaction in effort and achievement.
- **Mental Development**—Exercise in alertness, curiosity, creative thinking and inquiry, and understanding the natural learning process through experience and play.
- **Work Habits**—Developing good work habits by stressing completeness and satisfaction, working in an orderly fashion, including clean-up.
- **Motor Skills**—Learning to use the body effectively in climbing, running, jumping, skipping, balancing, and eye-to-hand coordination.
- **Manipulation Skills**—Using scissors, paste, paint and clay; working with building blocks, puzzles and beads; learning to button, zipper and snap.
- **Language Development**—Growth in expression, listening and vocabulary.
- **STEM Activities**—Studying comparisons, classifications, counting and measurements; recognizing relationships.
- **Health and Safety**—Learning health habits and safety rules and procedures.
- **Volunteer** of parents to share their special talents, hobbies or occupations.

## PRESCHOOL CALENDAR

- "Get Acquainted Day" is held for children and their parents the last week in August to acquaint the children with their teachers and surroundings.
  - The school operates from the end of August to mid-May.
  - For classes, children should not arrive ahead of time and must be picked up promptly.
- Morning classes: 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**  
**Afternoon classes: 12:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**
- The two and three-year-old classes hold a Parents' Day on the last day of school.
  - Evening graduation exercises for the four-year-old classes are conducted at the end of the school year. Parents and friends are invited.



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**Please feel free to visit us anytime!**  
*We do ask that you limit your visit to 15 minutes.*