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About our Preschool

- Licensed since 1989
- 72 children daily, in 6 separate classrooms, ages 2 through 5
- Ratio is 1:12, except 2 year old class which is 2:12
- Full Day is 7-6pm, Part Day is 9-3:15pm
- Teacher tenure is great
- On-staff substitute teachers, who are well known to children and parents
- The yard is shaded in the summer, with plenty of warm sun in the winter. The yard is a soft surface. There is a large sandbox (covered nightly). St. Clare's also provides plenty of outside play opportunities with toys, bikes, play houses and climbing structures
- We provide two snacks; classrooms have microwaves to heat up lunches from home
- Our school day includes a rest time, as required by Licensing. Teachers encourage rest and many children fall asleep because of the environment they are given (music, back rubbing, darkened quiet room)
- The goals of the younger age classes are to build social and emotional skills, learn how to navigate play with 11 peers, develop language, vocabulary, and imagination, build fine motor strength, and increase independence and confidence
- The goals of the older classes are to add a developmentally appropriate amount of pre-academics including; handwriting via the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum, pre-reading learning via a program called Zoo-Phonics, and a more formal social curriculum called Second Step
- The school is a mission of St. Clare's Episcopal Church. We welcome children of all faiths. We visit the Church once a week, by age group, for 20 minutes. We talk about God loving us, pray for those we love, tell a children's bible story, and sing a song. The purpose of the visit to Church is to help the children learn when we go to a holy place we behave differently to the class or yard. We also sing a kid friendly grace before we eat.
- Our overall aim is to create a warm and playful atmosphere that the children enjoy, and at the same time prepares them, socially and academically, to move onto the bigger elementary school environment