



## Welcome To Parents Of Preschool Children

We extend a hearty welcome to you from St. Henry Elementary where your child will be entering school for the first time. This is a new and exciting experience in your child's life. We wish to make this event a pleasant and rewarding one.

We cordially invite you to visit school regularly, as well as attend the meetings for parents and teachers. Together we can make your child's experience both happy and educationally valuable.

### WHY PRESCHOOL?

Your child has been living and learning at home. Now your child will work, play, and learn with a group of children their own age. Under the leadership of the teacher, your child will develop foundations for learning. The students will learn to follow directions, talk about things that interest them, listen, work alone or with others, use materials wisely, play actively and/or quietly, take turns, enjoy books, and participate in stories. The preschool program encompasses the whole child including the intellectual, cognitive, emotional, social and physical development. Today's preschoolers are coming to school with more diverse backgrounds than ever before. At St. Henry, the preschool program addresses the individuality of each learner.

The St. Henry Preschool is a developmental program rather than an academic one; however, this does not indicate that your child will not be receiving academics while in the classroom. We believe the children learn by PROGRESS, which is learning through play and work with the things and people in their environment that encourages the children to make choices, ask questions, explore, share ideas, solve problems, and to help children feel good about themselves and confident about their abilities. We attempt to provide activities that will assist children, as they grow to their full potential.



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## **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

To enroll in preschool students are expected to be potty trained before entering the program unless there is a handicapping condition. All informational forms must be in the child's cumulative folder by the day of entrance to the preschool program.

## **LOCATION**

All groups will attend school at the St. Henry Elementary building.

## **ATTENDANCE**

We do our best to provide a healthy environment for your child. All staff is trained in the management of communicable diseases. We ask you to contact the elementary office at 419-678-4834 extension 2401 if your child will be out for any reason.

In case of delays or closing for fog, ice, snow, etc. announcements will be made on WCSM, Celina and WKKI, Celina. You can also check the school website at [www.sthenryschools.org](http://www.sthenryschools.org). Text, email alerts and the St. Henry App are also available on our school website.

## **COMMUNICATION**

The school website and the St. Henry App are both communication tools used by the school to keep parents and students posted on weekly and monthly activities in the preschool program.

## **FEES**

Tuition of \$75.00 is due at the beginning of each month. An envelope will be sent home with your child monthly. Please return payment in this envelope. Payment by check or money order is preferred. This will help in keeping accurate records. Please include your child's name on the check. A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed after the 15h of each month.

## **MATERIALS NEEDED**

- 2- Elmer's large (.77oz.) glue sticks, washable
- 1-school box plastic
- 1-"bottom pocket" folder (to stay at school)
- 1-1"3-ring binder-M/W am/pm, T/T am classes
- 1-2" 3-Ring binder-T/T p.m. class only
- 1-set of headphones (to stay at school)
- 1-school bag

Please mark the above supplies with your child's name. Please use only capital letters for first letter and small letters for the remainder of their name. You and your child will benefit if you label jackets, coats, gloves, boots, etc. with your child's first and last names – indelible laundry ink, if possible.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Each child at the St. Henry Preschool will celebrate their birthday at school. Those with summer birthdays will celebrate their "un" birthday, which is a day chosen sometime during the school year.

Some children may wish to bring a treat (cookies, stickers, etc.) for the rest of the class. This is something for you and your child to decide. The school does not expect it. For the children's health and safety we request that all treats be individually wrapped or packaged. Also, please check with the teacher for the number of students in the class. This will insure no one being left out.

## **ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL**

Our morning sessions meet from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The afternoon sessions meet from 11:55 a.m. until 2:55 p.m. Children should arrive at 8:00 a.m. or 11:55 a.m. The teachers need time to prepare for the day's activities and want to be able to give the children their full attention upon their arrival. The driver will be responsible for walking the preschool children to and from the classroom.

We ask that you pick up your child promptly at 11:00 a.m. or 2:55 p.m. The children are eager to see you at the end of the school day, and are disappointed if you are not among the waiting parents.

The teacher must be given a list of car pool members if your child is participating in one. No child will be released to anyone other than the persons listed on the Release Form. If someone else is to pick up your child, we need written or verbal permission from the parent.

## **MAKING THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL MORE COMFORTABLE**

Be very positive about school in your talks with your child. Talk about school as a place where he/she will learn many new things. Talk about all of the playmates he/she will meet.

Read some books together about the first day of school. Sharing a book gets your child to talk about their feelings and helps them prepare for this new experience.

Listen to your child's concerns, answer their questions, and reassure them that everything will be fine. If they express fears, do not deny them. Rather, be understanding about them and tell your child that most people get scared before they try something new. Tell them about your own feelings when starting something new.

Visit the classroom before school starts. Familiarize yourselves with the outside of the building as well as the inside.

On the first day of school, be sure to tell your child when you are leaving and when you will be back to pick them up. If you are in a car pool situation, be sure that your child has met all drivers and that your child knows who will be picking them up each day.