



**LINCOLN
PRESCHOOL**

PHILOSOPHY

At LIA Preschool, we believe that every child is a unique and precious gift from God, deserving of love, respect, and a nurturing environment that fosters intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual growth. We believe that Catholic preschool education is an opportunity to build a strong foundation of faith and character and to prepare children for a life of service, leadership, and moral responsibility.

Our curriculum is designed to provide a rich and stimulating learning environment that encourages children to explore, experiment, and express themselves creatively. We believe in a hands-on approach to learning, where children are encouraged to engage in active play, problem-solving, and critical thinking.

Our Staff

Our LIA staff is committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment that promotes the growth and development of our young learners. They are dedicated and passionate individuals who share the vision and values of our institution.

LIA staff members are responsible for creating and implementing a developmentally appropriate curriculum that reflects Catholic values and teachings. They work collaboratively with each other to plan and execute engaging and meaningful learning experiences that promote our students' cognitive, social, emotional, and spiritual development.

Academics

At LIA, we believe that kindergarten provides a foundation for future learning by helping children develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for success in school and in life. It is a critical year of education that sets the stage for continued growth and development in the years to come. It is an important and foundational year of education, where children are introduced to a wide range of academic, social, and emotional skills that will prepare them for future learning.

Our Facilities

LIA's Preschool is specifically designed to encourage exploration and active engagement within a protected space. In addition to the attractive play structures, we provide areas for riding vehicles, for dramatic play, block building, sand play, and art activities. Safety is a major goal in the design of both the outdoor and indoor spaces. Indoor furnishings, such as tables, chairs, and shelving, accommodate the 2–5-year-old child. A rich array of developmentally appropriate materials is available to support learning in all areas. We also have a sensory gym on campus which provides support to our special learning needs students.





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READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS

In kindergarten, students discover a balanced literacy approach that focuses on reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students discover effective reading strategies through reading aloud, shared reading, and guided reading which takes place in small groups. Phonics and the whole language are integrated. We foster an English Only environment all the time. The students also explore high-frequency sight words throughout the year and create books that are founded on the sight words they are mastering at that time. Writing strategies are modeled in guided writing throughout the year to assess strengths and weaknesses. Attentive listening and speaking in complete sentences is encouraged at all times. The program serves as an introduction to reading, with the objective being that most students are reading simple texts by the end of the school year.

The school creates an environment where children develop a love for words and begin to see themselves as readers and writers. They share their writing frequently with their classmates and families. They are encouraged to use the letters and sounds they know to begin decoding simple texts and “spell” and write independently. Students use Writer’s Workshop to explore storytelling, story planning, and sharing their stories. They also explore the mechanics of writing including letter formation, punctuation, word spacing, and word families.

MATH

Kindergarten mathematics provides a foundation for future learning by helping children develop the basic skills and concepts necessary for success in later grades. Through hands-on and interactive learning experiences, children build confidence and fluency in mathematics and develop a love for learning that will carry them through their academic careers. Number sense is a critical skill that is developed in kindergarten, where children are introduced to counting, number recognition, and basic mathematical operations. Children learn to count objects, recognize and write numbers, and understand the concepts of addition and subtraction. They also learn about patterns and sequences and begin to recognize and predict them in various contexts.

Geometry is another important area of mathematics in kindergarten, where children learn about shapes, spatial relationships, and symmetry. They learn to identify and name basic two-dimensional shapes, such as circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles, and to recognize and create simple patterns using these shapes. They also begin to understand the concepts of size, position, and direction, and learn to use simple vocabulary to describe them.

Measurement is also a key area of mathematics in kindergarten, where children learn about time, length, weight, and capacity. They learn to measure and compare objects using non-standard units, such as their own body parts or manipulatives, and to understand the basic concepts of time, such as days, weeks, and months.

ESPAÑOL

In this kindergarten Spanish course, students will be introduced to the Spanish language and Hispanic culture through interactive and engaging activities. The course is designed to provide a strong foundation in basic vocabulary, grammar, and cultural concepts, and to encourage students to develop a lifelong love of language learning.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

In music class, students will be introduced to basic musical concepts and skills through interactive and engaging activities. The class is designed to promote a love of music, develop a sense of rhythm and melody, and encourage self-expression and creativity in young learners.

In our introductory dance course, Kindergarten students explore a variety of movements as they become familiar with the principles of classical ballet, jazz, modern dance, and hip-hop. Students are encouraged to perceive dance as an integral form of exercise, as they discover different genres of dance and their cultural history, all while developing basic life skills and an appreciation for art and movement.





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FAITH FORMATION

Our Kinder religion program is designed to introduce young children to the basic concepts of the Catholic faith and values in a nurturing and age-appropriate environment. We aim to foster a sense of wonder, curiosity, and respect for our Catholic traditions while promoting a strong moral foundation. Through engaging activities, stories, songs, and art, we help children explore universal themes such as kindness, compassion, gratitude, and love. We encourage them to reflect on their own experiences and emotions, promoting self-awareness and empathy towards others.

Prayer is incorporated into our daily routine, providing children with opportunities to connect with God and explore their own spirituality. We promote a sense of awe and reverence for the natural world, encouraging children to develop a sense of stewardship and responsibility towards the environment.

Our dedicated teachers, well-versed in religious studies, ensure that the program is delivered with sensitivity, age-appropriate language, and a focus on fostering positive values. We strive to create a joyful and enriching environment where children can develop a strong moral compass, respect for diversity, and a foundation for their spiritual journey.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is critical for kindergarten-aged children, as it lays the foundation for future success in academic and personal life. At this age, children are learning how to interact with others, express their emotions, and regulate their behavior. SEL helps them develop empathy, build relationships, and understand their own emotions and the emotions of others. By teaching SEL in kindergarten, children learn valuable life skills that can improve their mental health, academic performance, and relationships with others. SEL can also prevent future problems such as bullying, aggression, and academic failure. Ultimately, SEL in kindergarten sets children up for a positive and successful future.

At LIA, we pride ourselves in having a Safe Environment Team devoted to fostering and assuring every child's well-being. Students have weekly classes to develop their self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, relationship skills, and social awareness.

