
Bishop Leibold School's Early Learning Program for Preschool and Pre-K

Bishop Leibold offers an Early Learning Program for three- and four-year-old children to best meet the educational and social needs of our families and to provide a Catholic faith experience for our youngest parishioners. These state-licensed programs are held at the West Campus and run from September to May in conjunction with the BLS calendar.

For the 2012-13 School Year:

- Preschool Program, children must be three years old by Sept. 30, 2012 to participate.
- For the Pre-Kindergarten Program (Pre-K), children must be four years old by Sept. 30, 2012.

Both programs align with the Ohio Department of Education's Early Learning Content Standards and are consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Our Early Learning Program maximum is 21 children. Registration opens February 1, and sessions are filled first-come, first-served. For more information or to schedule a visit, please call the West Campus Office at 866-3021.

Our Early Learning Program Options

Our curriculum allows your child to choose activities in the following centers: dramatic play, art, music, library, writing, blocks, toys/games, discovery, and sensory. In addition, we conduct large and small group activities, and participate in outdoor play, Bible song and stories, and daily prayer.

- **The 3-Day Pre-Kindergarten Program for 4-year-olds**

includes core pre-Kindergarten skills and standards as defined by the Ohio Department of Education. Catholic religious instruction will be an important program component.

*Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
from 8:10 AM to 11:00AM.*

- **Additional 2-Day Pre-K Enrichment (4-year-olds must also be enrolled in the 3-Day Program).** The Enrichment Program further explores and develops the Pre-K skills and religious instruction of the 3-Day Program.

*Tuesday and Thursday
from 8:10 AM to 11:00 AM*

- **BLS Preschool for 3-year-olds focuses** on small-group play, social skills, and educational and religious instruction appropriate to this introduction to school.

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To learn more about the curricula and daily activities →



Your Child's Day in the BLS Early Learning Program

- Story & Circle Time allows students and teachers to discuss the day's theme, address calendar and weather, present The Letter of the Week in conjunction with phonemic awareness activities, incorporate a literature component, and teach songs or poems to reinforce new ideas.
- Center Time provides children the opportunity to further explore the daily theme through various interactive, hands-on, age-appropriate methods: art, blocks, games, language arts, science, discovery, sensory table, dramatic play, music, listening, writing, math, library, etc.
- Small Group Time allows teachers the opportunity to provide differentiated learning to encompass the educational needs of children at all skill levels.
- Religion permeates all aspects of our Early Learning Program. We teach children how to pray from the Sign of the Cross to spontaneous prayers. We teach stories from both the Old and New Testaments, and reinforce these lessons through activities and music. Even our approach to classroom management is to teach and model for students a Christ-like attitude.

Sample Schedule:

8:10 - 8:15	Arrival & Opening Prayer
8:15 - 8:45	Story & Circle Time
8:45 - 9:45	Centers & Small Groups
9:45 - 10:30	Outdoor Play & Snack
10:30 - 10:50	Second Circle Time
10:50 - 11:00	Clean Up & Pick-Up

Read what our parents say...

"We chose BLS because we wanted our child to be educated in an atmosphere that stresses Catholic morals and teachings. The actions, attitude and spiritual reinforcement of the staff have made us very happy in our decision." *Brian & Julie Wright*

"We chose BLS because we wanted our son to get an academic program as opposed to a more social preschool program. We also liked the fact that he would be in a Catholic school where God is the center of all learning, and the values being taught at school reflect those being taught at home. At BLS, our son is not just another student. He is a person of value with talents that are being nurtured so he can become the best he can be." *Lynn Roesch*

"We chose BLS Pre-K because of the great reputation of the school and the faith-based education. Due to the dedication of the teachers and the staff, BLS offers a truly unique learning environment while providing the right level of nurturing for our child. The teachers were just as invested as the parents in the development of the children ...the level of dedication and commitment of those involved with the BLS program is what makes it exceptional and distinctive." *Kelley Goldsmith*



Learn more about our Early Learning Programs at bishopleiboldschool.com