

Welcome to Preschool/Pre-K at St. Albert the Great!

My name is Erica Hicks. I am the Director of the Preschool program at St. Albert the Great. I am also the teacher for the Pre-K program. This document was created to give you an overview of the program.

We have programs for 3, 4 and 5 yr olds. Our program offers both half (7:50-11:00) day and full (7:50 - 2:50) day options. The Preschool (3s and young 4s) program offers 3/4/and 5 day options. Pre-K (older 4s and young 5s) is 5 days only. Tuition varies according to the schedule you choose. Tuition rates can be found on our website. They are subject to change.

Our students are provided with a top notch educational experience that includes enrichment activities such as music, gym, AIM, computers, SEL, and library. The focus of our programs for threes and early 4s is getting used to school, following routines and directions, color and shape recognition, name recognition, introduction to school tools and most importantly social skills and independence. Students must be 3 years old on or before August 1. Our Yellow Room will work with our youngest students with a 14:2 ratio. The students in our Green Room will work with our older threes and early fours. These students may need another year before Kindergarten. This class will have a 12:2 ratio. All students need to be completely potty trained before attending preschool. This includes nap time.

Our Blue Room (Pre-K) program focuses on preparing students for kindergarten. Letter and number recognition, pre reading and math skills, social emotional regulation, fine and gross motor skills, and much more. This classroom is designed for 16 students with 2 teachers. Children should be 4 years old by August 1 and completely self sufficient in the restroom to attend.

We are a proud Preschool Promise provider. Students in our program who are 3 (living in the city limits of Dayton City Schools), 4 years old, and 5 years old can sign up for this wonderful program. This program provides countless benefits to our class and school. From tuition assistance to professional development for teachers and so much more, Preschool Promise supports our goal to provide the best educational start for our students. For more information, please visit their website. We are PFCC providers as well as recipients of ECE scholarships from the State of Ohio. We are limited to 15 ECE spots available per school year.

Our students that stay all day will have lunch and rest time each day. They may utilize the cafeteria if they wish for lunch like the "big kids".

After School care is also available for these young learners. It runs from 3-6pm daily. Enrollment is limited.

On our website you can find our student handbook for preschool. This may be helpful in answering questions as well.

I hope this information was helpful. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. You are welcome to email me at ehicks@stag-school.org or call the school. My extension is 236.

Registration for the 2025-26 school year will begin in early February. Please visit our Open House on January 26th. We would love to meet you. Applications and registration fees can be collected at that time. Spots are limited and filled on a first come/first serve basis. Current students and students with siblings already in the building will be registered first.