



Dear Parents,

Thank you for expressing interest in the Nativity Early Learning Center (NELC). The Center has been serving families for over 26 years. The NELC offers a safe and loving environment for children ages 33 months to 12 years. The NELC has an excellent Full Day Preschool program as well as an Extended Day Program for those children attending Nativity School in grades K-6th. We offer convenient hours with long-term, knowledgeable, dedicated, and loving staff. Our Preschool programs are designed to maximize the educational and social benefits for your child's future success. Our teachers are committed to providing children with a curriculum that continues to grow as they do! In addition to our school year program we also offer a summer camp with field trips and special adventures and activities. The NELC is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

The enclosed packet includes a brief explanation of the programs that we offer. To begin the registration process, please give Nicole McGie, the NELC director, a call at 651-696-5437 to get your child on the waiting list. Enrollment at the NELC is on a first come, first serve basis, considering space availability within each classroom or age group and the age appropriateness of the child. The NELC is open to the public.

Beginning Mid-January, we will open up fall and summer registration to those families on the waiting list in order to fill all of the available spots. New students will be accepted according to the following priority list:

1. Children who currently have siblings attending the NELC programs.
2. First come, first serve basis according to the waiting lists.

Please feel free to contact the director if you need further information about our programs or would like to schedule a tour. Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/NativityELC](https://www.facebook.com/NativityELC)

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**If you are looking for a half day preschool experience please contact Nativity School at 651-699-1311.



Please visit our website at elc.nativity-mn.org or click on the QR code with your smart phone!



Program Options

<p>Full Day Preschool</p> <p>Tweety: 3 and 4 yrs.</p> <p>Munchkins: 4 and 5 yrs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 months to 5 years old • 6:30am-6:00pm <p>Program Day Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 days a week (M-F) • 4 days a week (M-TH) • 3 days a week (MWF) • 2 days a week (TTH) <p>*Days can be flexible</p>	<p>Curriculum Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and Emotional Development • Different Approaches to Learning • Language and Literacy Development • Creativity and the Arts • Cognitive Development • Physical Motor Development • Religious Education • Bible Story time with Father John and Deacon Russ • Science Experiments • Sign Language • Spanish in the Munchkin room • Letter of the Week and Theme Based Curriculum • Early Literacy SEEDS read aloud • Cooking Projects • Music and Movement- Yoga • Daily Outside Time- 2x a Day! • Large Motor Room across the street at Nativity School • Special Person of the Week • Bookmobile • Daily Rest Time 	<p>Must be completely toilet trained to attend</p> <p>Licensing requires staff to child ratio of 1:10 in the Tweety and Munchkin Programs however; we pride ourselves in keeping these ratios at a lower level.</p>
<p>Extended Day</p>	<p>Children enrolled at Nativity School in Grades Kindergarten-6th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30am to 8:00am and 2:45pm to 6:00pm <p>Program Day Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 days a week (M-F) • 4 days a week (M-TH) • 3 days a week (MWF) • 2 days a week (TTH) • 1 day a week (M-F) <p>*Days can be flexible</p>	<p>Curriculum Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Classroom Activities • Homework Time • Snack • Free Choice Time • Outside Time • Large Motor Room • Children are able to participate in extracurricular activities at Nativity School 	<p>Must be completely toilet trained to attend</p> <p>Staff to child ratio of 1:15</p>
<p>Summer Camp</p>	<p>Ages 33 months to 6th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30am-6:00pm <p>Program Day Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 days a week (M-F) • 4 days a week (M-TH) • 3 days a week (MWF) • 2 days a week (TTH) <p>*Days can be flexible</p>	<p>Curriculum Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands-on Activities • Free Choice Time in the Classroom • Outside Time and Park Field Trips • Arts and Crafts- Art on a Cart! • Gardening in the NELC Backyard • Field Trips on/off site • Bookmobile 	<p>Must be completely toilet trained to attend</p> <p>Staff to Preschool Ratio of 1:10</p> <p>Staff to Extended Day ratio of 1:15</p>

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2017 Nativity Early Learning Center Summer Camp

"Come Play and Explore with Us"

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The Nativity Early Learning Center (NELC) Summer Camp is a 12 week program designed for children from ages 33 months – 6th grade. Each week is filled with hands on activities, arts and crafts, field trips, outside time, gardening and the Bookmobile, trips to the park, and much more! It is an educational, fun filled way for your child to spend their summer!

Examples of Preschool

Field Trips Include:

- @ Como Zoo- All Ages
- @ Bruce the Bug Guy
- @ Eagle's Nest
- @ Stepping Stone Theatre- All ages
- @ The New Children's Museum- All ages
- @ Puppet Show
- @ Dodge Nature Center
- @ Reptile and Amphibian Zoo- All ages
- @ Snuffy's for Lunch- All ages
- @ Highland Park Trip
- @ Pool Trips for the Munchkins

Examples of K-6th Field

Trips Include:

- @ Saints Game
- @ Downtown Library
- @ Grand Slam
- @ Crayola Experience
- @ Cinema Grill Café
- @ Base Camp
- @ Nickelodeon Universe
- @ Gibbs Farm
- @ Cascade Bay
- @ Highland Pool
- @ Richfield Pool
- @ Edina Aquatic Center
- @ The Grove Cove Aquatic Center

Examples of Special Events

Include:

- @ Donuts for Dads
- @ Scavenger Hunt
- @ Ice Cream Soda Day
- @ Paul Bunyan Day
- @ Disney Day
- @ Superhero Day
- @ Famous Athlete, Person, and Artist (K-6th grade)
- @ P.J. and Movie Day
- @ Blueberry Pancake Day
- @ Sports Day
- @ National Watermelon Day
- @ S'mores Day
- @ Water Days

Our Days Include:

- 🌈 Breakfast
- 🌈 Free Choice
- 🌈 Snacks
- 🌈 Fun Group Activities
- 🌈 Projects
- 🌈 Outdoor Play
- 🌈 Lunch Time
- 🌈 Rest/Relaxation (3-5 year olds)
- 🌈 Reading/ Journal Time
- 🌈 Classroom Time

Center Information:

- ✚ 5, 4, 3 or 2 day options available
- ✚ Flexible Schedules
- ✚ Hours 6:30am – 6:00pm
- ✚ Breakfast and Snacks Provided

For more information,
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Preschool Program Plan

The Nativity Early Learning Center's preschool programs are designed to maximize the educational and social benefits for your child's future success.

Our staff is committed to providing children with a curriculum that continues to grow as they do! Your child will experience the joys of learning in their preschool classroom as they explore the following academic areas:

There are six areas of development that our youngest children focus on throughout their days in the preschool programs at the NELC. These areas follow the Minnesota Early Childhood Indicators of progress. The NELC has also added an additional area on Religious Education.

Social and Emotional Development	Emotional Development, Self-Concept and Social Competence and Relationships
Language and Literacy Development	Listening, Speaking, Emergent Reading and Emergent Writing
Cognitive Development	<p>Mathematical and Logical Thinking: Number Concepts and Operations, Patterns and Relationships, Spatial Relationships/Geometry, Measurement and Mathematical Reasoning</p> <p>Scientific Thinking and Problem Solving: Observing, Questioning and Investigating</p> <p>Social Systems Understanding: Human Relationships and Understanding the World</p>
Physical and Motor Development	Gross Motor Development, Fine Motor Development and Physical Health and Well-Being
Approaches to Learning	Curiosity, Risk-Taking, Imagination and Invention, Persistence and Reflection and Interpretation
Creativity and the Arts	Creating, Responding and Evaluating
Religious Education	The children will develop an awareness of God, the bible, learning prayers, empathy, respect and values through developmentally appropriate activities including being kind and loving to each other. Father John and Deacon Russ visit the preschool classrooms and read bible stories.

Areas of the Classroom

The following is a sample list of some of the terms you may hear your preschooler child or child's teacher use to explain the areas of the classroom and the activities that occurred.

Free Choice Time	During free choice time or “free play” children are allowed to move freely throughout the entire classroom. Socialization skills, problem solving skills, cooperative play and many other skills emerge from free choice time. Below is a list of areas in your child’s classroom.
Dramatic Play Area	Encourages problem solving skills, role-playing, socialization skills, language skills and cooperative play interactions.
Book Area	Provides a quiet area to learn early letter and word recognition.
Manipulative Area	Encourages math skills, cooperative skills, fine motor skills and turn taking.
Science Area	Encourages children to appreciate nature and the environment, to experiment, discover and to develop cause and affect skills.
Sensory Table	Encourages hands on expression.
Art Area	Provides a variety of medias and opportunities for creative expression.
Computer	Further enriches math skills as well as fine motor skills. *Please note, not all classrooms have a computer.
Music Area	Encourages music appreciation. The children are also exposed to music of different cultures.
Block Area	The children are able to use math skills, problem solving skills, large/fine motor skills and spatial relationships.

FUN

There's always something to do.

JOIN THE NATIVITY EARLY LEARNING CENTER'S BEFORE AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: A GREAT START AND FINISH TO EVERY SCHOOL DAY!

Drop in Morning Care: \$7.50 per day, 6:30am-8:05am

☀ Breakfast

Afterschool Care: 2:40pm-6:00pm

☀ Weekly Themes with Classroom Activities

☀ Homework time for 2nd-6th Graders

☀ Snack

☀ Play Time in the Classroom:

☀ Art Area/Sensory Table

☀ Games/Puzzles

☀ Blocks/Legos

☀ Books

☀ Science/Cooking Projects

☀ Dramatic Play Area

☀ Group Time Calendar and Helper Chart

☀ Daily Outside Time

☀ Large Motor Room

☀ Children are able to Participate in Afterschool Activities at Nativity School

\$21.00 per day!
Unbelievable!

- ❖ 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 Day Options Available
- ❖ Days Can Be Flexible
- ❖ Come and Stop in For A Tour!
- ❖ NAEYC Accredited
- ❖ Follow us on Facebook

Please contact Nicole McGie at 651-696-5437 or nmcgie@nativity-mn.org for more information. Visit our website at elc.nativity-mn.org and follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/NativityELC.



Parent Testimonials

Nativity Early Learning Center has been a blessing for our family. We enrolled our son, Nolan, just over a year ago and have been very content with our decision. As working parents, finding full-time care for our child was a daunting task. We first tried a Montessori preschool but soon realized it was not the right fit. Nolan's needs were not being met. We believe truly impactful education encompasses the whole child and should include spiritual, social, developmental and academic needs. We researched Nativity School before Nolan was born and knew it was where we would send him for his elementary education. Had we known they also provided all-day preschool, we definitely would have enrolled him earlier. We have observed nothing but growth since Nolan began attending Mrs. Mongin's Munchkin One Room. We are so proud that our 4 year old son is able to lead family dinners with prayer and have conversations with us about God. Nolan is already prepared for kindergarten. Mrs. Mongin and her team guide the children through extremely thorough academic benchmarks. We can see every milestone Nolan achieves through individualized assessments. His Munchkin One Binder is as precious to us as one of his scrapbooks. Our most significant indicator of choice in education is Nolan's enthusiasm for NELC. He wakes up every morning excited for school. He also looks forward to Mass because one of his classmates may be in attendance. We feel the need to be confident and trustworthy in our decision to leave Nolan in the care of someone else. We know that Nativity is the best place for our child to positively develop. We would highly recommend their care to any parent. - Mr. and Mrs. Lilja

NELC offers a wide range of learning activities in a fun environment and the children always seem happy and excited to be there. The teachers are very approachable and it is evident that they care about each child. NELC is a perfect fit for our family! - Tad, Lisa & Gracie Marinac

"My wife and I have sent both our son and our daughter through the NELC. We have been incredibly happy with the structure, the instruction, the teachers, and the entire culture. If we had to do it again we wouldn't think twice." - Jason Gray

Our two daughters are enrolled at NELC. The teachers truly care about the students and really get to know the families. We have experienced first-hand how NELC fosters a caring, stimulating, and fun learning environment. Thank you! - Bridget Christenson

Over six years ago when we started looking for a preschool for our oldest child, we chose Nativity ELC. We are not Parishioners, so it was not an obvious choice, but we have always felt welcomed. I wanted a preschool where my children could develop their social skills and learn to get along with other children. I wanted them to feel supported and nurtured, but also to be allowed to develop their independence. We now have our third child in the NELC program, and I still feel this is the best fit for our family. - Kimberly D. I couldn't ask for a better place than NELC for early childhood learning. My children love the school and cannot wait to go each and every morning. The teachers are wonderful and dedicated. NELC gives me peace knowing that my children are in good and safe hands. - Dave and Brianna Garman

We were a bit apprehensive to move our preschooler to NELC, having had her in a place we really loved for 5 years. But, we were so impressed with her Munchkin classroom, especially the teachers, Ms. Lury and Ms. Cristina, that we wish we had moved her sooner. They have an amazing curriculum and opportunities, and Amelia grew so much during her 9 months there. I was especially surprised with her academic development. And, we definitely will move our youngest daughter there when the time comes! Thank you NELC! - Celine Vachon Seuntjens

Our girls had been at a different school since they were born and we were worried about the transition to a new school but the teachers and staff at NELC made us feel very welcome and the girls made new friends instantly. NELC has been a great experience for our family!

Our family has had a wide variety of experience with day care options: from a nanny to an in-home provider, to another center. By far, we feel most at home with the care and instruction received at Nativity ELC. Our sons' teachers truly care about the development of the whole child. While learning basic preschool curriculum is a large component of the instruction, the class also focuses on age appropriate behaviors that teach self-sufficiency skills that build self-esteem and confidence. As a mom, I feel confident that my boys receive the best of care throughout their day, and I appreciate the detailed communications I receive from the teachers and the school's director. Our family would highly recommend Nativity ELC. –Alissa

Our family has been very pleased with our experiences at NELC. Classes have been well-structured and fun. The teachers have done an amazing job helping our son to feel comfortable, and to learn developmental milestones. We highly recommend this program for young children.

I have really enjoyed sending my children to the NELC. My favorite thing about the NELC is the enthusiasm of the staff. Every morning, my daughters are greeted with a hug and a smile. The environment is so welcoming. The teachers truly care for each and every child that attends the NELC.

We had all three of our children enrolled at NELC at varying ages. Nicole and her team provide an ideal pre-school that is fun and value based. Many of my children's friends started at the NELC and continue to be great friends at Nativity. All of the teachers are smart and active and teach great skills that are used today. I would highly recommend NELC for pre-school.-Dan and Ginnie O'Neill

Our family has been at the NELC in the full day program for three years. We switched from a different preschool and couldn't believe the difference in the progress our oldest made. He was undoubtedly ready for kindergarten. Our youngest has grown with the NELC since he was 2, and has continually impressed us with what he is learning at preschool. The teachers are incredibly kind, caring, creative, energetic, and competent. The curriculum is age-appropriate and designed in a way that interested and excited our kids.

The learning comes in the form of hands-on, super creative activities that keeps them engaged. Our kids also made wonderful friends with children from amazing families. We are so blessed to have found the NELC and its teachers! Many times after dropping of my boys, I have left feeling warm and happy knowing they are being well cared for. We highly recommend the program!-Jessica

Since starting preschool at the NELC, our three-year-old has grown by leaps and bounds. She is enjoying all of the everyday activities such as arts and crafts, letter recognition, Spanish and Sign Language, using manners, and play-time with all of her new friends. It is very apparent that the preschool teachers truly enjoy their work and genuinely care for the children. We also have a five-year old enrolled in the NELC's after school care program. Our kindergartner enjoys her time at the NELC so much that she often insists on "just five more minutes" before going home! The after school care program is a great way to build on the academics and friendships that begin during the school day. We simply can't say enough about the NELC staff's dedication to learning, fun, faith, and compassion.-Robin and Joe Hennessy

We have been very happy with our experience at NELC. Our son, now in first grade, went through the program and was well prepared for school. Our daughter is currently in the three-year-old "Tweety" program and loves it. She is learning valuable social skills as well as early academic skills. The teachers are wonderful and are truly invested in the children. We appreciate that this program teaches core values such as kindness and how to be a good friend, classmate and citizen. Lastly, there is excellent communication between the program and parents so that you can feel confident about what is happening in the classroom.

We've been a part of the NELC community for 4 years and can't recommend it enough. The staff is incredible at what they do, and our children have made great friendships here too. Coming out of the preschool program, I'd say that our boys have been more than ready to start kindergarten. As for the after school care option, I appreciate the balance they provide the school age kids with both time to do homework as well as "decompression" time too which is just as important to the learning environment. The summer camp program is also a blast. The variety of experiences and activities is wonderful. I wish I could do summer camp myself!



2017 Summer Program and 2017-2018 School Year Preschool Program Rates

Summer Camp and Full Day Preschool Program: Hours 6:30am-6:00pm

5 Days a week (M-F)	\$285 per week
4 Days a week (M-Th)	\$228 per week
3 Days a week (MWF)	\$171 per week
2 Days a week (TTh)	\$114 per week
*Days can be flexible	

2017-2018 School Year Extended Day Program Rates

Extended Day Program: Grades Kindergarten-6th - Before (6:30am-8:05am) AND After School (2:40pm-6:00pm)

5 Days a week (M-F)	\$135 per week
4 Days a week (M-Th)	\$109 per week
3 Days a week (MWF)	\$ 83 per week
2 Days a week (TTh)	\$ 54 per week
1 Day a week (M-F)	\$ 28 per week
*Days can be flexible	

Extended Day Program: Grades Kindergarten-6th - After School (2:40pm-6:00pm)

5 Days a week (M-F)	\$105 per week
4 Days a week (M-Th)	\$ 84 per week
3 Days a week (MWF)	\$ 63 per week
2 Days a week (TTh)	\$ 42 per week
1 Day a week (M-F)	\$ 21 per week
*Days can be flexible	

Extra Care Days

Full Day Preschool

- Days not scheduled: \$57 per day

Extended Day Program: Grades Kindergarten-6th

- When Nativity School is not in session and your child attends a full day per their weekly schedule: Additional \$35 per day
- When Nativity School is not in session and your child attends a full day NOT per their weekly schedule: \$55.00 per day
- When Nativity School is in session and your child attends 2:40-6:00pm NOT per their weekly schedule: \$30 per day
- Drop in Morning Care: \$7.50 per day

Additional Information

Sibling Discount for Full Day Preschool Children Only: The second child will receive a 10% discount if both children attend 4 or 5 days a week.