

Parent Involvement

At NCA, we pride ourselves in our active and involved community. We believe that parent involvement is essential to the success of students. Parents can easily find volunteer opportunities to suit their interests and availability.

Kindergarten Homework

Homework in kindergarten focuses on early literacy skills. Students are encouraged to read with an adult for 15 minutes each day and are given an optional activity which reinforces the skills learned in class. Homework is meant to be engaging and to instill a love of learning.

Before and After Care

NCA provides a stimulating extended care program which runs from 6:30am to 6:00pm.



Tour NCA

The best way to learn about NCA is to walk through our halls, visit our classrooms. We offer individual tours by appointment and hold open houses throughout the year

Tuition

Tuition rates can be found on our website. We offer scholarships and multiple child discounts.

Registration

Children who will be 5 years of age by September 1st are eligible for NCA's Kindergarten. To receive an application please call 773-271-4310 or visit www.northsidecatholic.org



"It might sound cliché, but my daughter has a true love of learning. I attribute a lot of that to NCA's Kindergarten"

Why NCA Kindergarten?

- Experienced, dedicated faculty
- Low Student-Teacher Ratio
- Nurturing Environment
- Diverse Student Body
- Well Rounded Curriculum with Differentiated Instruction
- Renaissance Courses (Spanish, Art, Music, Computer, P.E.)
- Two Computer Labs
- Recess and Field Trips
- Family Dances, Social Events
- Character Building
- Extra Curricular Opportunities from Chess to Piano and more
- Concerts, Plays, Assemblies
- Recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education
- Extended Care from 6:30am-6pm
- Affordable Tuition
- Scholarships
- A Welcoming Community



Kindergarten

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Northside Catholic Academy



Kindergarten

*A Challenging Curriculum
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Northside Catholic Academy

NCA is a great choice for families who are looking for a challenging curriculum within a nurturing environment. Originating in 1993 as a consolidation of six parish schools, NCA is considered by the Archdiocese of Chicago as the official Catholic School of Rogers Park, Edgewater and Andersonville .

At NCA students acquire the skills they need to navigate in today's complicated world.

- We prepare students to think and act critically, creatively and collaboratively; to work to the best of their ability; and to develop self-awareness, responsibility and curiosity
- We provide an opportunity for parents, educators and students to collaborate in the educational process.
- We practice a student-centered approach to teaching and learning.
- We promote a love of learning, respect for truth and sense of compassion.
- We value all children and the diversity in our community.
- We promise to cultivate faith and values in your children.

Kindergarten Philosophy

NCA's goal is to provide a well-rounded kindergarten experience. Here, students establish the important social and educational foundation for future schooling. The classroom environment eases the children from play-centered learning to more academic learning. Teachers use thematic units to integrate learning across the curriculum with hands-on, student centered activities which meet the individual child's developmental needs.

Our full day program begins at 8:10 a.m. and dismissal is at 2:55 p.m.

Our teachers have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and are certified in the State of Illinois. We strive for a 1:18 teacher to student ratio.



"We were looking for a great education. What we didn't realize was the superb sense of community that would come with it!"

Curriculum Goals

NCA adheres to the mandated core curriculum established by the Archdiocese of Chicago which is aligned with all the Illinois State Standards. The complete curriculum can be found on our website.

We are dedicated to educating the whole child intellectually, socially, spiritually, and physically.

We promote a nurturing atmosphere so that students can foster their love of learning.

Our Kindergarten curriculum is diverse and well rounded with a focus on social development throughout the day. Our subject areas include:

Language – Introductory reading and writing

Math - UofC Everyday Math Program

Science - hands on and interactive

Social Studies – the world around us

Religion - character building

Our renaissance courses enrich our core curriculum and are offered 1-2 times each week: **Spanish Language; Computer; Music & Movement; Physical Education; Visual Arts; Library**

Differentiated Instruction

Knowing that there are different learning levels within a class, we strive to develop skills in each child. Many lessons are multi-leveled to promote success for all children. In addition, our teachers choose from a wide array of teaching and learning strategies to meet the varied needs of individual learners.

Kindergarten Religion

Students learn about kindness, respect and consideration using Gospel stories, simple prayers and fun activities. We welcome non-Catholic students.

Snack, Lunch, Recess

Families take turns bringing a nut-free snack for the entire class. Students can bring their own lunch, order milk, or order hot lunch. Snack and lunch are eaten at the classroom tables to encourage socialization and good manners. All of the kindergarten classes go outside for recess every day unless it is raining or below 17°F. In inclement weather, students will have indoor recess or choice time.

Dress Code

Students wear the NCA uniforms

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