

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

Before and After Care

NCA provides a stimulating extended care program which runs from 6:30am to 6:00pm and is available to our full day students.

Dress Code

Preschoolers are not required to wear a uniform. However, they should be dressed in comfortable clothes and sensible shoes (no sandals or clogs).



"My daughter loves NCA so much. She comes home singing almost everyday."



"I was nervous about the transition to preschool, but it went smoothly. My son is very happy. He's made a lot of friends, and that makes me happy."

Tuition

Tuition rates can be found at www.northsidecatholic.org

Registration

Children who will be at least 3 years of age by September 1st are eligible for NCA's preschool program. Students must be potty trained. Please call 773-271-4310 visit www.northsidecatholic.org for an application.

Why NCA Preschool?

- Experienced, dedicated faculty
- Low Student-Teacher Ratio
- Nurturing Environment
- Character Building
- Diverse Student Body
- Well Rounded Curriculum with Differentiated Instruction
- Art and Music
- Recess and Field Trips
- All-School Assemblies
- Concerts and Plays
- Family Dances
- Extended Care from 6:30am-6pm
- Affordable Tuition
- A Welcoming Community



Preschool

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Northside Catholic Academy



**Preschool
Program**

**A Challenging
Curriculum within a
Nurturing Environment**

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.

Our Philosophy

NCA's preschool program provides a stimulating and joyful environment which enables children to make a comfortable separation from home to school.

We aim to strengthen self-esteem and instill a love of learning. We provide an environment in which your child feels happy, safe, comfortable and loved at school.

Our preschool program is a child-centered curriculum in which children learn through hands-on activities. Preschool classrooms are divided into various interest centers. As the children work in each of these centers, they are learning and developing skills that they will need throughout their school years.

At NCA, preschoolers participate in the kind of meaningful play experiences that research indicates help young children to learn best.

We strive to develop age-appropriate skills in each child. Our teachers design instruction so that activities will challenge children of different levels within the same class. In this way, our preschool program differentiates learning to suit the age and development of individual learners.

Because we value small class size and individual attention, each classroom has a 1:10 teacher to student ratio.

NCA's Program

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

Learning experiences at NCA's preschool emphasize language activity, and gross and fine motor movement. Activities focus on the creative process more than the finished product.

We provide students in the preschool setting a variety of hands-on experiences. As they explore materials and become increasingly interested in playing with others, they learn to share and to take turns. Through our program, they will develop the ability to follow rules and exercise self control. Students are learning to take initiative and to be independent in their play and social interactions.

Preschool Religion

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

Half Day and Full Day

Our full day preschool is from 8:10am-2:55pm with the option of Before and After Care. It is 5 days per week.

Our morning preschool is for the 3 turning 4 year olds and is from 8:10am – 11:00am 3 or 5 day per week.

Our afternoon program is for 4-5 year olds and is from 12noon – 2:55pm and is 5 days per week.



"The teachers are so dedicated, caring and thoughtful. I feel really good about leaving my child in their care."

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.

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