

# Quick Facts about Preschool at OLG

## **OLG's Preschool Philosophy:**

- A primary goal for each child's education is to equip them with a solid sense of self that comes from developing confidence, inner motivation, problem solving, self-direction, and an excitement for the learning process.
- Since children learn by doing, we use hands-on teaching strategies and manipulatives at learning centers.
- Small group instruction and interactions in centers help children to develop socially, academically, and physically.
- Strong fine and gross motor skills are developed in engaging environments.
- Students are assessed throughout the year and academics are tailored to meet their current learning needs.

## **Is the Preschool Accredited?**

Yes. The preschool program, along with the elementary school and middle school, is accredited by AdvancEd which includes SACS (the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). The standards for AdvancEd accreditation of preschool programs are very similar to those required for NAEYC accreditation.

## **Is the Preschool licensed by the state of North Carolina?**

No. Early childhood programs that are accredited by AdvancEd/SACS and operate for less than 6.5 hours per day are not required to be licensed by the state. The standards that must be maintained for continued accreditation meet or exceed the standards required by the state.

## **Do you provide snack or lunch for the children?**

No. All children should bring a healthy snack each day. Hot lunch, milk and ice cream are available for purchase in the cafeteria or children may pack a lunch. Full day students should also bring an afternoon snack.

## **What if my child has food allergies?**

The teachers and staff of OLG are very aware of the serious nature of many food allergies. If your child has food allergies, you will be asked to fill out an Allergy Action Plan for him/her. If your child must have an Epi-pen or Benadryl on hand in case of allergic reaction, you will be asked to provide 2 Epi-pens to keep on campus (one in the classroom, one in the nurse's office). An OLG Medical Form detailing dosing instructions and signed by a physician must be on file for each medication.

## **Do the children in Preschool wear uniforms?**

Yes, they follow the same uniform guidelines as the children in the elementary school with a few exceptions. The preschool students are NOT required to wear a belt when wearing pants or shorts, and a special OLG tee shirt is available for purchase for the preschool students only. Other pieces of our uniform can be purchased by Land's End.

## **There is a supply fee for all preschool classes. What does the fee cover?**

The supply fee will cover the cost of field trips and a majority of the supplies used in class. In addition to the fee, you will be asked to send in some basic supplies such as Ziploc bags, tissues, Clorox wipes, and paper towels. A list of supplies will be listed on the school website. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the class to help supply extra snacks for the students.

### **Do children have to be potty trained? Can children wear “Pull Up” Diapers?**

All children entering OLG’s preschool program must be completely toilet trained. Pull Ups or diapers of any kind are not permitted in the classroom.

### **What kind of curriculum is used in the preschool program? What types of things/activities do they do?**

The main goal of our preschool program is to create a safe and nurturing environment where young children can learn and explore. We believe that a basic understanding of the beauty of God’s creation and of His unending love and forgiveness for all people helps to set young children on a positive path for friendships, behavior, and knowledge of their own self-worth. Weekly activities in the preschool classrooms include arts and crafts, music, movement, alphabet and number activities, science and sensory activities, dramatic play, block play, writing activities, and manipulative toys such as puzzles and peg boards. In the Pre-K 4 program, there is significant emphasis placed on social and language skills. The preschool program at OLG follows the curriculum guidelines for Early Childhood Programs that include activities and skills for each developmental area in which children learn and grow. These areas include spiritual, social, emotional, cognitive, language and physical motor skills.

### **What about religion? Do the children attend Mass?**

The children in the preschool program use a religion curriculum which includes many activities and stories designed to help young children appreciate the beauty and wonder of God’s Creation and His love for all living beings. Students in Pre-K 4 attend Mass weekly beginning in December along with the elementary and middle school students. Students in Pre-K 3 will begin attending mass occasionally in February. Parents are always welcome to join us for this celebration.

### **Do the full-day students take a nap?**

Yes. The children in the Full-Day classes have rest time scheduled each day for approximately one hour. The children are asked to rest quietly on their mats, but they are not required to sleep during this time.

### **Can I get a tour of the facility?**

Yes! Please call our admissions office at (336) 275-1522 to schedule a tour. You are welcome to bring your child with you when you visit the school. OLG also offers monthly open houses. Open house dates are listed on our website at [www.olgsch.org](http://www.olgsch.org).

### **Can I come and observe the classrooms?**

Yes, you will need to schedule a time to observe the class. Available observation times will depend on our daily schedule. We will be happy to work with you to find a time that will work with your schedule. Please let us know if you plan to bring your child with you during your scheduled observation time, so that the teachers will have extra materials on hand in case your child would like to participate.

### **How do I register my child for the preschool?**

A preschool registration form can be downloaded from OLG School’s website ([www.olgsch.org](http://www.olgsch.org)). Once completed, return the form, a copy of your child’s birth certificate and the registration fee to our school office. Forms can be turned into the office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or they can be mailed to OLG School, 201 S. Chapman Street, Greensboro, NC 27403. Our school office will contact you regarding your child’s acceptance into the program. Once your child has been accepted, we will ask you to turn in further information, including a preschool assessment, a health forms and immunization records.

### **Does the OLG School calendar follow the same schedule as Guilford County Schools?**

No. OLG School is on a trimester calendar and because of that we have different days off. We also have certain Catholic Holy days of Obligation off. In addition, we often don’t close as much for inclement weather as public schools do. A calendar for our current school year can be accessed by going to our school website and clicking on “News/Calendars.”