

Hello, and welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Preschool! My name is Donna Couture, and I am proud to be an early childhood educator. I have worked with young children, infants through second grade, for nearly 20 years. This extensive experience has given me a global perspective on the growth, development, and needs of the preschool child. I am a certified teacher with a Masters in Early Childhood Education. There is no doubt in my mind that the Lord has called me to do this work. I remain in awe of the curiosity, energy, and spirituality of our preschool children. I am blessed to be a part of building a strong foundation for future learning.

St. Paul the Apostle Preschool began in 1988 serving the needs of four year old preschoolers. In 2006 we expanded the program to include three year olds. St. Paul's preschool is licensed by the State of Michigan meeting and exceeding all standards for safety and learning. Our curriculum has been aligned with the newly implemented State of Michigan Standards (2005). You may view the curriculum on our website, www.stpaul-school.org.

Brain research has provided us with the scientific knowledge that fuels the planning and implementation of preschool activities and the environment. The first five years are paramount in the development of brain synapses (connections). And, it remains notable that children have a natural instinct as to what they need. Play is the primary method by which children encounter, explore, and retain information. It is indeed their work! At St. Paul the Apostle Preschool we value each child and his/her need to play. We also provide the beginning of school structure and discipline through group times of instruction: religion lessons, handwriting (fours), stories and finger plays, math and calendar work, science and cooking, art projects and exploration, music, gym, computers and Spanish (fours). A preschool day is "packed" with learning fun!

Thank you for taking the time to visit or inquire about our wonderful preschool. If you should like to visit again or have further questions, please contact me at 949-1690, ext. 224, or email, dcouture@stpaul-school.org. I look forward to talking to you.