

## MEET THE TEACHERS

The St. Dominic Preschool Staff is a highly trained and educated group that continues to further its standard of excellence with frequent classes, conferences and workshops. This group is unparalleled in its years of dedication to Pre-K with over 81 years of combined Preschool experience!



### **Janet Casarino, Director**

Janet has served as the Director of St. Dominic Preschool since it opened in 1989. She started her Preschool teaching career in 1981 at a Montessori School in Benicia. She is married with two children and two grandchildren.

### **Renee Gutierrez, Teddy Bear Teacher**

Renee has been working with children since 1990. She comes to us from the Children's Corner Preschool in Vacaville. She is married and has a daughter.



### **Tanva Sanchez, Co-Director/Dinosaur Teacher**

Tanya has been part of the St. Dominic community for 8 years. She has found her true passion with our preschoolers. She is married with two children.



### **Lynda Masga, Dinosaur Teacher**

Lynda has been a Preschool Teacher since 1970! She worked her way through the VUSD and St. Vincent's prior to her arrival at St. Dominic's in 2002. She is a co-Dinosaur Teacher and heads up the Religion program at the Preschool. She has five children and ten grandchildren.



## TUITION AND ENROLLMENT

Applications for Fall Enrollment are available in the Preschool Office beginning in early January. A \$125 New Student Registration fee is due with your Application paperwork.

Tuition rates for the 2012-13 school year are as follows:

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ONLY- 9a-12n

<u>Days per week</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Child</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Child</u>	<u>Total of Both</u>
3 days (T/W/Th)	\$300/mo.	\$230/mo.	\$530/mo.
5 days (M-F)	\$395/mo.	\$305/mo.	\$700/mo.

### PRESCHOOL/EXTENDED CARE COMBINED- 7:30a-5p

<u>Days per week</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Child</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Child</u>	<u>Total of Both</u>
3 days (T/W/Th)	\$500/mo.	\$380/mo.	\$ 880/mo.
5 days (M-F)	\$705/mo.	\$535/mo.	\$1240/mo.



# St. Dominic Preschool

Established in 1989



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& Tanya Sanchez

## PHILOSOPHY

St. Dominic Preschool seeks to inspire, educate and prepare our students for a life of learning, faith and service. We believe in the education of the whole child by offering a stimulating environment where intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual and physical growths are nurtured.



As a Christian Community, St. Dominic Preschool creates an environment in which each child can feel safe and

respected. Each child is encouraged to grow and learn according to individual needs and abilities. We provide an atmosphere which fosters respect for others and one that encourages each child to develop a positive self-image.

## PROGRAM

St. Dominic Preschool is divided into two age groups:



**Teddy Bears- ages 2 yrs, 9 mos (by Sept. 1) through age 4**  
--must be potty trained



**Dinosaurs- Pre-K- ages 4-5**

## CLASS TIMES

Preschool Hours: **9 am - 12 noon**

Extended Care Hours: **7:30 am - 9 am & 12 noon - 5 pm**

Parents can choose which days to send their child to Preschool. They can also choose to send their child to before & after school care.

3 Day Program- T/W/Th  
5 Day Program- M-F

## CURRICULUM

Children are taught respect and tolerance for others while developing their language, fine arts, cognitive and physical skills through a fully integrated curriculum, *The InvestiGator Club*

❖ **Language Arts & Literature-** Children are introduced to a variety of stories, vocabulary development, and letter/sound recognition using the monthly theme as a guide. Through “*Share,*” weekly “*Letter Bags*” and their own story-telling,” children begin to expand their language skills. Children also have access to the library during free choice time.

❖ **Math-** Through use of real objects and cooking (measuring), children have hands-on experiences with numerical concepts.



❖ **Science-** Tapping into a child’s curiosity for living things, our Preschoolers explore the physical world using a wide variety of materials including seeds, soil, insects and magnifying glasses.

❖ **Religion-** Through prayers and activities, each child learns that God made him/her special and unique.



❖ **Art-** Children use a wide variety of art materials including markers, paint, wood, sand, glitter, glue, tape, Playdoh®, and collage materials to make beautiful masterpieces.

❖ **Music-** Through song, instruments and movements, children explore the world of sound.

❖ **Dramatic Play-** Children are provided multiple opportunities to use their imagination through the use of props, puppets, costumes, and different themed play centers. There is also an outside play structure and sandbox for their use.

❖ **Spanish-** Children are introduced to the Spanish language through songs, colors, and numbers.

## MONTHLY THEMES & COMPONENTS

- ☺ August- Welcome to School
- ☺ September- School Rules & The InvestiGator Club
- ☺ October- Halloween & Join the InvestiGator Club
- ☺ November- Thanksgiving & Under Construction
- ☺ December- Christmas & Healthy You
- ☺ January- Finny, Feathery, & Furry Friends
- ☺ February- Splash & Dig
- ☺ March- Spring & Watch It Grow
- ☺ April- Easter & Weather Watch
- ☺ May- Fun In The Sun & Summer
- ☺ June- End of Year Review



“Thank You God  
For the World so Sweet.  
Thank You God  
For the Food We Eat.  
Thank You God  
For the Birds that Sing.  
Thank You God  
For EVERYTHING!”

## EXTRA FUN

- ✍ Teddy Bear of the Day
- ✍ Dinosaur of the Day
- ✍ Monthly Share/Show and Tell
- ✍ Walking Field Trips to Library & Fire Station
- ✍ Christmas Program
- ✍ Teddy Bear Tea
- ✍ Taco-Making Day
- ✍ Recycle Day for Earth Day
- ✍ Halloween Parade
- ✍ Pajama Party
- ✍ Christmas & Valentine Parties
- ✍ Thanksgiving Celebration & Friendship Fruit Day
- ✍ Spring Bike-a-Thon
- ✍ Dinosaur Graduation



