

# **Saint Anne's Day School**

**WEBSITE: [www.saintannedayschool.com](http://www.saintannedayschool.com)**

## **Brief description (short background-history-philosophy-best practices):**

Our school began in 1966 as a mission of St. Anne's Episcopal Church in a traditional setting with thirteen students. Over the years, our school, as well as our thinking has evolved, sparked by encounters and on-going collaborations about the Reggio Approach. Our Advisory Council is chaired by the Rector of the church and consists of parents, church and at-large members. Our parent organization, POPS (Parents of Preschoolers) coordinated numerous volunteer opportunities throughout our school.

Believing that the Church can provide an environment in which the child may grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. St. Anne's Day School offers a program consistent with the highest standards in early childhood education. In an environment of love and respect, each child has the opportunity to expand his/her concept of the world. Children have the opportunity to initiate choices of experiences, as well as having educator initiated experiences. These encounters encourage the spirit of inquiry, problem solving, and higher order thinking in a creative learning environment. St. Anne's wants each child to know that he/she is a worthy person, acceptable and lovable just as God made him/her.

## **Specific curricula used:**

The Day School curriculum has evolved over the years as more research has been done about brain development and different learning styles. We have been especially inspired by the work of educators in Reggio Emilia, Italy. The values and beliefs emphasized in the Reggio Approach include: The image of the child as competent from birth; the importance of the environment of classrooms and school; and the importance of educator collaboration and parent involvement. Learning is made visible by documenting and displaying the child's words, ideas and thinking along with photographs of the ongoing work in the classrooms. The child has the right to explore his world and at St. Anne's we create a rich environment filled with a variety of materials and experiences in order for your child to interact with and learn in a respectful community.

**Classrooms by age group:** Infant -2 classes of 8, Toddler - 1 class of 10, Twos - 3 classes of 12 Threes - 3 classes of 16, Fours -3 classes of 16, Kindergarten - 1 class of 18

**Classrooms by type:** Pre-K  Head Start  Early Head Start  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Other Services (available to children and/or families):**

Extended Day for 4 & 5 year olds, offered till 4:00 – Monday – Thursday

After School Program till 6:00 pm to children 4 yrs – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

## **Parent involvement program / parent requirements (if any):**

POPS – Parents of Preschoolers organizes fund raising events

## **Teacher qualifications:**

Minimum education:

Minimum experience:

Other requirements:

## **Teachers**

all teachers have college degrees (we have no assistant teachers)

one year minimum, some teachers have over 30 years experience

## **Funding sources and percentages:**

Tuition \_100% Federal \_\_\_% State \_\_\_% Foundation grants \_\_\_%

Fund raising - Some of our professional development and renovations to our school are funded by an annual giving drive and an annual Silent Auction, held in the Spring.

Other: \_\_\_%