

A day in the life of a Preschooler

Hi! My name is Mary and I am 4 years old. I go to SS. Peter and Paul Preschool. We have an all day Preschool from 8:30am until 2:15pm. I go to school Monday through Friday. My teachers name is Mrs. Ott. She's very nice. I have a friend named Cathy who is only 3 years old. She gets to come to school on Tuesday and Thursday, but she only stays till 11:00am.

When I get to Preschool in the morning the first thing I always do is hang my coat and book bag in my special cubby in the cloak room. We have special hooks in the hallway for our nap bags. Then I go in my class and I put my folder in my basket, Mrs. Ott always says good morning, I say good morning too.

We get to have free play when we first come to school in the morning: my favorite toy is the doctor's kit. Mrs. Ott pretends she has a cold and I give her a shot to make her feel better, its lots of fun. Sometimes I play puzzles with my friend Julia, or I build blocks with Joe. Mrs. Ott rings the bell when it's clean-up time. We all sing the clean-up song and help each other put away all the toys. Then we take our seats and wait for Mrs. Ott to call our names.

After roll call we stand and push in our chairs, it's time to say good morning to Jesus, we pray and say the pledge to the flag. Then we sing "You're a Grand Old Flag". As we move to circle time we sing the "Weather Song". We help Mrs. Ott dress the weather bears and put the new day on the calendar. Now it's time for songs, we learn a few new songs every month, but some of our favorites we sing all year long.

The first lesson of the day is Religion. Today we had a flannel board story and after the story we talked about our lesson. Most of our stories teach us about what special people God wants us to be and the wonderful world he made for us. We also have a page from our religion workbook to color that will remind us about the message.

Now it's my favorite time of the day...snack time. We all wash our hands and put our snacks at our seats, Mrs. Ott helps open some stuff, but she likes us to try and get it ready by ourselves. We all stand and say grace and then we eat snack. We get a chance to talk to our friends and sometimes we share our snacks. When you are done with your snack you have to clean up your trash and then you can get a book and sit at circle till everyone is done eating.

Now it's time for Alphabet activities. Mrs. Ott tells us today we will learn about the letter N. We read a poem about N, sing the Alphabet song and sign the alphabet while we sing. We create a word list of words that begin with the letter N. I raise my hand and tell the class my brother's name is Nicholas. Mrs. Ott adds it to the word list. We go back to our seats and color, cut, and glue a booklet all

about the letter N. When everyone is finished we sit with Mrs. Ott at circle and read our booklets.

Some days we have Gym, Music, Computer, or Library class and once a month we have a special Art class with the art teacher. On days when the 3 year olds come we make special projects that are very crafty so the younger kids can have fun too. Today we painted Dinosaur eggs with bingo stampers.

Our day is going by so quickly, it's already lunch time. We go to the big school and use the bathroom and wash our hands. Then we stand at our special table and say our prayer. We eat lunch in the cafeteria with the big kids we just start a few minutes earlier. When we are done eating we get our coats and Mrs. Ott takes us out for a few minutes of recess. Today the weather was nice so we went for a walk around the block on our walking rope. You have to hold on to your handle and don't let go. When we got back to school we had 15 more minutes to play on the playground with the Kindergarten kids. Then it was time to get ready for our nap.

We go in to our class and get our nap bags out; I made a place next to my friend Dale. After everyone has a turn to use the bathroom, Mrs. Ott tells us to settle down and get comfortable, she turns off the lights and reads us a story. We play soft music during nap time to help us relax, Mrs. Ott says you don't have to sleep if you don't want to, but you must lie quietly so your brain can have a rest.

When nap time is over we pack our nap bags and put them back on the special hooks for tomorrow. There are different activities for after nap time, sometimes we color worksheets for review or play with the learning centers. This month we are having the Sharing Book Club, every day someone gets to take home a special bag and bring their favorite story to school to share with the class. Today is Mrs. Ott's turn. She read her favorite story "Where the Wild Things Are".

Mrs. Ott tells us it is time to go home so we pack up our book bags and stand at our chairs. Together we pray to our guardian angel and sing our goodbye song. We always get a sticker or stamp for doing our best in school. And that's what it's like to spend a day in Preschool. I hope you liked hearing about my day!