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Lancaster Mennonite provides a holistic education in a loving and Christ-like environment for my kids.

JANET S., PARENT/GUARDIAN OF LM STUDENTS

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MORE TIME, MORE GROWTH



**EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION**
PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN



PREKINDERGARTEN

PreKindergarten is offered five full days per week and parents can choose a three-day (M,T, Th), four-day (M-Th), or five-day program. Must be three and a half years old and potty trained by September 1 to be eligible for admission.

STUDENT-CENTERED ACADEMICS

PreKindergarten (PreK) lays the foundation for success in school and life. Active learning stations, free play, outdoor exploration, and structured lessons help students develop social-emotional and academic skills, while building upon the child's natural curiosity to develop a love of learning at an early age.

THE LM DIFFERENCE

Our PreK program balances developmentally appropriate academics, learning through play, and a faith formation emphasis. Students in PreK are guided to consider how they can love and care for each other and live peacefully. Bible lessons from the *Encounter* curriculum focus on the life and ministry of Jesus and relate to children's families and faith communities.

HANDS-ON INVESTIGATION AND PLAY

Our PreK program uses *The Creative Curriculum*, designed to foster creativity, discovery, and critical thinking through hands-on, project-based investigations. Students spend most of the school day learning through play in the classroom and on the playground, developing important social skills and independence, exploring, and building relationships.

FOREST SCHOOL FRIDAYS

This program allows PreK and Kindergarten students to take their learning outdoors to explore nature, build knowledge of and appreciation for God's creation, and engage in child-led play. Forest School is a concept encouraging routine, child-led outdoor learning experiences to help build resilience, improve social skills and mental health, and connect to nature.

TOP-NOTCH TEACHERS

All teachers hold Pennsylvania early childhood teacher certificates and participate in ongoing early childhood professional learning in line with current research on child development. Our PreK program is licensed by the state of Pennsylvania.

PREK SPECIAL PROGRAMMING:

- Faith Formation & Peacebuilding
- Forest School Fridays (outdoor education)
- Music (indoor and outdoor!)
- Art Class
- Physical Education
- Library time
- Spanish Lessons
- Elementary Chapel
- Daily Free Play
- Outdoor Play (1+ hours/day)
- Circle Time
- Phonemic Awareness



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is offered five full days per week. Parents can choose a four-day (M-Th) or five-day program. Students must be five years old by September 1 to be eligible for admission. In addition, prospective students will complete a Kindergarten readiness assessment to determine the best classroom placement.

JOY-FILLED LEARNING

LM's full-day Kindergarten program balances an academically rigorous literacy and math program with built-in time for play-based learning and imaginative play. Our kindergarteners learn math by counting, measuring, comparing and discovering patterns in everyday life through hands-on activities and games. They develop literacy through a systematic, sequential program of foundational skills based on the science of reading that lead to meaningful comprehension of level-appropriate texts.

In addition to their courses in science, math, and music, elementary students also participate in Art & Design class in the Makerspace. This is a place where students can gather to share ideas and knowledge with one another as they work on projects related to fine art and design.

In every aspect of learning, students grow cognitively and socially so they are prepared for future success.

KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN RECEIVE:

- Faith Formation & Peacebuilding
- Forest School Fridays (outdoor education)
- Language Arts (English or Spanish)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Inquiry-based Social Studies
- Art & Design (indoor and outdoor!)
- Music Class
- Physical Education
- Free Play
- Outdoor Play (40+ minutes/day)
- Busing (only available for Kindergarten, not PreK)



VALUES-BASED & RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Reflecting our faith and core values, teachers create a nurturing environment in which young children know they are loved by God and are valuable members of a community. Students are encouraged to follow the model of Jesus as a way to love their neighbors and be peacemakers. LM incorporates restorative practices schoolwide so children learn how to build and strengthen relationships. Students encounter Jesus as the center of our faith, community as the center of our life, and reconciliation as the center of our work.

Spanish Immersion Program

There is an optional track for students beginning in kindergarten. See the Spanish Immersion booklet for more information.