

Program Options

HALF DAY 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
(2, 3, or 5 days)

FULL DAY 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
(2, 3, or 5 days)

EXTENDED CARE 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
(Mon. - Fri.)

EXTENDED CARE

Extended Care is available each day at a \$6 per hour rate for the first child and \$4 per hour for each additional child. There is a \$1.00 per minute late charge for the time a child is at Daystar after 6:00 PM. Extended Care is billed separately from tuition.

Wonder Zone Tuition

Tuition is paid in ten monthly payments, Aug. - May. Tuition for 2012-13 will be set by the School Board in the spring.

	ANNUAL HALF DAY	ANNUAL FULL DAY
2 DAYS	\$2,600	\$4,100
3 DAYS	\$3,900	\$5,900
5 DAYS	\$5,200	\$7,250

INCLUDED IN TUITION

- Nutritious, nut-free morning snack
- All school supplies (pencils, Kleenex, etc.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Full day students bring their own lunch.
- Hot lunches are available for purchase.
- Milk is available for purchase.
- Students may be dropped off as early as 7:45 AM.
- Financial aid is not offered for Pre-K.

Program Details

AGE REQUIREMENT

Students must be 3 years old and fully potty trained (training pants not permitted) by Sept. 1.

DAYS OF OPERATION

The Pre-Kindergarten calendar follows the same school calendar as that of the K-8 elementary school program (180 school days).

PAYMENT STRUCTURE

- Enrollment fee is \$300 per family.
- All Daystar School families must set up an account with FACTS Tuition Management (FACTS).
- There are three payment options: annual, semi-annual, and monthly. FACTS charges a one-time \$33 fee for the monthly payment plan.
- Monthly payments are due the first day of the month through FACTS and can be transferred from a bank account or paid through a credit card.
- A late fee of \$30.00 is added to payments not received within five calendar days of the due date.
- Payments not made by the 15th may result in suspension of the student(s) until payment is made.
- A \$30.00 charge is assessed for each insufficient funds charge/check returned by the bank.

DISMISSAL

ALL Daystar students are on an initial six-week probation. Daystar will reserve the right to dismiss a child if:

- the program does not meet a child's needs.
- the parent/guardian does not cooperate with the teaching staff to help his or her child function in the program.
- at any time a child is destructive to property, or hurtful to staff and/or other children.

Wonder Zone Pre-K Program



Wonder Zone Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Wonder Zone is a caring, nurturing environment where children experience an activity-based program that develops engaged, reflective, and inquisitive minds.

Knowing that "play is children's work," the Wonder Zone program is play-based using a unit approach to teach the Illinois Early Childhood Standards. Integrated subjects include language arts, math, science, social studies, religion, art, music, drama, and movement.

The Wonder Zone Pre-K program capitalizes on the curiosity and wonder of young children. Social, emotional, cognitive, physical, creative and faith development are fostered while celebrating children's individuality.

Flexible half-day and full-day programs for children as young as age 3 by September 1 are designed to best suit your child's needs and your family schedule.

For more information or to schedule a tour call 312.791.0001.

"I feel like we've won the Pre-K Lottery! As a former educator, I am constantly thrilled with the high quality of education my child receives in the Wonder Zone. She is genuinely excited to go to school. I'm in amazement at how many creative units and activities the teacher designs for our kids. My child is a recycling nut and constantly talks about teamwork (units at school)."

- A.B., Wonder Zone Parent

Daystar School is a unique
Christian elementary school
(PK - 8) in the heart of Chicago.

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Daystar
SCHOOL

Wonder Zone Program Highlights

PREPARATION FOR KINDERGARTEN

Students who have completed our Wonder Zone program are well prepared to continue learning in kindergarten. They develop a love for learning and confidence that school is a safe and exciting place.

GUIDED ACTIVITY TIME

During guided activity time, the teacher actively interacts with the children asking them to reflect on their discoveries, suggesting ways to extend their activities, coaching social interactions, building vocabulary and providing a fun and supportive environment. These are centers that use a variety of activities and themes including social dramatic play, blocks, reading, writing, math manipulatives, art, puzzles, family life, sensory table, etc.

BIBLE/WORSHIP

The story of God and His people is the foundation of the Bible program at Daystar. Through storytelling, singing, and prayer, children shape their own identity with God's people.

STAFF

Wonder Zone teachers are required to have a four-year teaching degree in early childhood education, be certified, and submit yearly professional growth plans to the Education Committee. Teacher/Aide to student ratio is maximum 1:10.



Sample Wonder Zone Day

Guided Activity Time

Gathering

Snack & Restroom Rotation

P.E. or Park

Friendship Groups (Centers)

Music & Movement

Lunch & Half Day Program Dismissal

Story Time

Rest Time

Guided Activity Time

Choice Time & Dismissal

2011-12 School Calendar

The Daystar School Board sets the upcoming school year calendar in the spring.

Session 1: Aug. 24 – Oct. 7

- Sept. 5: Labor Day Holiday
- Oct. 10 - 14: Fall Break

Session 2: Oct. 17 – Dec. 16

- Nov. 24 and 25: Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 19 - Jan. 2: Christmas Break

Session 3: Jan. 3 – Feb. 10

- Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Day Holiday
- Feb. 13 - 17: Winter Break

Session 4: Feb. 20 – Apr. 13

- Apr. 6: Good Friday Holiday
- Apr. 16 - 20: Spring Break

Session 5: Apr. 23 – June 15

- May 25 and 28: Memorial Day Holiday

Summer Vacation begins on June 18, 2012

About Daystar School

Daystar School is an urban, elementary, Christian school located in Chicago's South Loop. Started in 1997, Daystar School provides a holistic education, nurturing its students' intellectual, social, spiritual, aesthetic (art, music, movement), and physical development.

The staff of Daystar seeks to shape curriculum, programs, and structures to represent the best



available educational theory and practice. The K-8 program features hands-on, engaged, experiential learning and extensive use of city resources.



Integrated units are designed to reflect the interrelatedness and beauty of creation. It is a program that pays attention to each child and seeks to nurture and foster each child's gifts, creativity, and individuality.

Daystar School uses a creative learning approach, intended to equip students with an excellent educational foundation for lifelong learning and creative problem-solving.



It is a diverse community of learners where students, teachers, and parents learn, play, worship, and work together. At Daystar, students develop a Christian worldview that roots them in their faith and a multicultural awareness that equips them to understand and respect people



from different backgrounds.

