full and half day programs

growing all day

now enrolling
3 Year Olds • 4 Year Olds • Lunch Bunch
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St. Lawrence O’Toole
Early Childhood Learning Center
31 Prospect Street, Brewster, NY 10509

ECLC is licensed through the state of New York-Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and is under the auspices of the Archdiocese of New York.
it’s a curious world

at the Early Childhood Learning Center at St. Lawrence O’Toole which is a child-centered, value-oriented, co-educational Catholic school serving children three and four years of age. The Center aims for academic excellence in an environment of religious and moral formation. Along with teaching formal subjects, St. Lawrence O’Toole Early Childhood Learning Center will strive to give direction to the lives of its students by instilling certain values:
• Responsibility.
• Respect for authority.
• Consideration for the rights of others.
• Self-discipline.

With the guidance of caring, qualified professionals, students are provided with an array of learning experiences to broaden them on three levels: spiritually, scholastically, and socially.

7:30am to 6:30pm

Your little one is discovering more and more each day.

At St. Lawrence O’Toole’s Just the Two of Us program we focus on the 4 fundamental areas necessary for supporting toddler development: relationships, movement, language and senses/perceptions, as well as helps toddlers (parents and caregivers too!) become comfortable in a classroom setting.

It’s also a wonderful time for the caregivers to get together and discuss various toddler milestones and issues. It follows a preschool format, and will include literacy, creative movement, arts and crafts, music and a snack.

Introducing a NEW program – Structured Play Day. This is a play group for caregivers and children 2 years old and under with music, parachute play and gym time. Caregivers enjoy social time while children 2 and under meet new friends.

If you have any questions call 845-279-5164 or email us sloteclc@comcast.net to drop by for a visit and sit in on a class.

Register at stlawrenceotoole.org/JustTheTwoOfUs
Just the two of us
St. Lawrence O’Toole

tomorrow’s botanist

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after school enrichment

Exclusive to kindergarten age children to 12 years old.

We are pleased to be able to offer an enrichment program for your children. The activities have been chosen to balance intellectual, physical, development, along with fun, relaxation and socialization. Homework help will be available.

Before Care:
7:30am until Brewster Central School District bus pick up.

After School Enrichment:
Buses from Brewster schools will transport children from St. Lawrence’s Early Childhood Learning Center in the morning and to St. Lawrence ECLC in the afternoon.

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Religion
The children will learn prayers and songs and an appreciation of God’s gifts and love for us. Each child will be made to feel special because God made each one in His likeness. Through many different activities, the children will be introduced to the significance of religious holidays, especially Christmas and Easter. The religion programs we are using are Sadlier and Loyola Press.

Motor Development
Various activities and exercises are introduced to help develop gross and fine motor skills. These include dancing, hopping, movement games, and songs. Fine motor skill development is introduced through many forms including puzzles, play dough, coloring, painting, and pasting. Scissors will be introduced in the second half of the school year.

Math
Through songs, art activities and play, the children will be introduced to numbers, counting, shapes, size, and sets.

Letter Recognition
In its simplest form, the children will be introduced to the alphabet through name recognition, songs, crafts, and stories.

Art
The children will be introduced to many different art forms. Each child is encouraged to use his or her imagination. Painting, pasting, drawing, and manipulatives are a daily part of each day. The children will learn to identify colors through art projects and activities.

Music
Through songs, finger plays, nursery rhymes, musical instruments, tapes, CDs and singing, the children explore the many avenues of music.

Health
The children are introduced to taking care of themselves with proper eating habits and proper hygiene.

Listening and Speaking Skills
Listening and following directions play an important part in each day. Through “Story Time” and “Circle Time”, the children are encouraged to listen and learn. Each child is made aware of the importance of these skills. Children will be provided opportunities to build and improve speaking skills through activities built around peer conversations and group presentations.

Social Interaction
The stimulation of group activity, role-playing, and creative play is a part of each day to help the children develop peer relationships. Each child learns to be accepting and respectful of others. Acceptance, a positive self-image, and self-worth are fostered in all children.

Simple Science
Through nature, experiments, cooking activities, and group discussions the children are introduced to the world of science.

Safety
The children will explore safety in the classroom, playground and at home. Safety rules are taught and enforced.

Spanish
Children will be introduced to the basics of the Spanish language through songs, stories, rhymes, games and activities. They will learn words and phrases as well as being exposed to aspects of the culture.

Gym
Gym time occurs once a week. During this time the students have the opportunity to work on gross motor skills such as running, jumping, hopping, skipping, and galloping. They learn basic skills for basketball, soccer, hockey, and baseball while learning how to follow multi step directions all while playing fun games like freeze tag, parachute games, and Cookie Monster.

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Religion
Through activities, songs, and prayer, each child will have a better understanding and appreciation of God’s gifts and love for all of us. Each child will be encouraged to develop a positive self-image and a love of all of God’s creations. Each child will be made to feel special because God made each one in His likeness. Through many different activities, the children will have a better understanding of the significance of the religious holidays, especially Christmas and Easter. We will continue with our Sadlier and Loyola Press religion curriculum.

Motor Development
Various activities to help develop motor development are a large part of each day. Youngsters are instructed on how to use scissors from the beginning of the year. The children are encouraged to foster fine motor development through cutting, painting, play dough, using pegs, etc. Each child is encouraged, but not forced, to hold a pencil correctly and to begin to write his/her name. This is concentrated on during the second half of the school year. Gross motor development is a part of each school day with games, free play, and organized activities.

Math
Fundamental number concepts, as well as concepts dealing with shapes, sizes, and sets, are explored through activities, games, and crafts. Number recognition is emphasized through visual daily activities. The children will learn to identify numbers 1 to 10.

Language Arts
Letter recognition is taught by introducing a “Letter of the Week”. The children are encouraged to bring in pictures which begin with the letter, as well as “Show and Tell” items that begin with the letter. Art projects are made, to begin with the letter to reinforce the lesson. Oral expression is encouraged during “Circle Time” and “Show and Tell.”

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Art
The children are introduced to many different art mediums. While self-expression is fostered, instruction in various techniques will also be directed. Painting, cutting, pasting, drawing, and creating is a continual part of each day. The children will learn to identify colors and textures. Craft projects are proudly displayed at different times in the classroom and then brought home.

Music
The children are encouraged to explore different sounds and patterns using their voices, instruments, tapes, CD’s, and the creation of rhythmic patterns. Singing, dancing, and exercising are a daily occurrence. Songs related to holidays, seasons and special occasions add to the musical atmosphere.

Class Trips
Class trips are planned during the school year to reinforce lessons that have been taught.

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The children will become aware of good health by eating properly and taking care of themselves by reinforcing proper hygiene.

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At ECLC we like to celebrate family relationships, holidays and partner with the local Brewster community. Parents are always invited to volunteer for all of our special events.

We incorporate creative, hands on thematic learning centers highlighting Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine’s, Mother’s Day, and Father’s Day.

Pajama days and pizza parties are often a highlight for our students. In the fall, we welcome visits from the Brewster Fire Department and local businesses to enrich our curriculum.

During the school year we venture out to local venues. At Christmas, we have a Pageant and at the end of the year a Moving Up Ceremony for the entire family to be entertained.

Our program is designed to support the transition between home and elementary school, encouraging parental involvement along the way.
flexible days and times

options

Pre-K 3 Tuesday/Thursday
Pre-K 3 Monday/Wednesday/Friday
Pre-K 3 Monday - Friday
Pre-K 4 Monday - Friday

schedule

7:30 am - 9:30 am Morning Care*
9:30 am - 12:30 am Preschool
9:30 am - 2:30 pm Full Day*
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm Lunch Bunch*
2:30 pm - 6:30 pm After Care/Enrichment*

*Optional
Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 students will never be mixed with school aged children

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lunch bunch
12:30pm to 2:30pm

master taste tester

For Pre-K 3 and 4

If your child is going to our Lunch Bunch program, you will need to provide a lunch for them.

Each day the children get to eat with their friends. Most of all, the children enjoy lots of outdoor play, unless it’s raining. Then, either a movie is offered, play time in the gym, or free play in the playroom.

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