

## A Leader in Learning, Fun and Love for 52 Years: St. Paul's Day School.

In 1963, St. Paul's parishioners, vestry, and clergy saw an opportunity to serve the community by providing a classroom education for preschoolers from ages three to five.

With funds from contributions, the parish constructed one of the first day schools in South Florida. St. Paul's has continuously supported this ministry for these 52 years, with annual enrollments of 20 to 39 students.

There have been only two directors, Rolene Gent for 33 years, and the current director, Patti Daniels, for the past 19 years, after serving the first four years as a teacher. The teachers' average years of experience at St. Paul's is 18 years.

Tuition fees support the annual operating budget of the school. From annual pledges and contributions, the parish pays for utilities, administrative support, and also funds capital needs such as replacement of windows, roofing, and other year-to-year maintenance and renovations.



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Second in a series of reports on St. Paul's ministries and outreach, each of which are funded by parishioners' annual pledges and contributions.

## Founded In 1963, St. Paul's Day School Provides a Safe, Positive Haven of Fun and Learning for Pre-K Children

When Isabel Hernandez, a mother of two young daughters, looked at St. Paul's Day School, she had already visited 20 other schools in the county, and had with her a crammed notebook full of her evaluations of them. After what she had concluded from her research and visits, Isabel was profoundly impressed with St. Paul's caring, sensitive environment. She immediately enrolled her then oldest, Sophia, aged four. And this fall, Ginger, now four, is enrolled in her first year.

"I was attracted to the professionalism and love I saw in the teachers, the fun the kids were having as they learned, and the

bright, wholesome, physical environment. And it has been such a wonderful experience for my daughters, my husband, Scott Permuy, and me," explains this native South Floridian. The Hernandez-Permuy family now attends St. Paul's as a result of involvement with the Day School, as do many other Day School families before them.

**"These children are taught to listen, to respect one another, to respond to instructions, and, most of all, to be kind. The Day School is a safe, wholesome place, there is real truth here."**

– Isabel Hernandez, parent



Day School Class of 2015

**"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." ~ Proverbs 22:6**