

ST. IGNATIUS

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Nappie Award- Best Pre School- Two Years Running!
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Early Learning Center- Nursery Impalas 4-16 months by September 10th

- Director: Mrs. Mary Catherine Turner (turnerm@stignatius.org). Mrs. Turner has her Bachelor of Education from Auburn and her Master of Special Childhood Education from UAB. She has over 10 years experience. Mrs. Turner has extensive knowledge in childhood education and is a wonderful asset to the nursery program.
- The ELC Nursery program is focused on each child's development in areas of social and emotional skills, gross motor and fine motor skills, and language and cognition development. Children are loved and intellectually stimulated in an environment focused on Christ. Our ELC Nursery utilizes the HiMama app for tracking of attendance, daily updates, pictures and parent contact.
- The ELC Nursery hosts two Mommy & Me events a year with a focus on forming a true partnership with our parent community. Nursery families also attend Grandparent's Day, Donuts for Dad, Muffins for Mom and various other school events. Parents are an integral part of our school success. We welcome you to stop by, call or email at any time.

Early Learning Center- Preschool

1K-4K Programs (Impalas 17 months to 4 years old by September 10th)

- Director: Dr. Kathy Wilkins-Jones (wilkinsjonesk@stignatius.org). Dr. Kathy has her Doctor of Audiology degree. She is a certified Auditory- Verbal Therapist, a Listening and Spoken Language Specialist and has over 20 years experience. She hand curated our curriculum which has now been adopted by other schools in our area due to the success of our program. Dr. Kathy is a true child development treasure and we are blessed to have her curate our St. Ignatius Early Learning Center Preschool experience.
- ELC Preschool Impalas are emersed in a combination of exciting events and interactive academic stimulation. One of the main goals of our preschool program is forming confident readers. We believe the difference between a strong learner and a struggling learner lies in their early literacy skills. Being able to read and comprehend confidently will translate into every subject in their academic future. We capitalize on this standard by teaching a combination of *Phonics First, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, Read Well and Writing Without Tears*. St. Ignatius pre school also forms the child in a full religion, science and math curriculum. Our ELC- Preschool utilizes the ClassDojo app for parent updates, pictures and communication.
- The ELC Preschool offers lots of events: family picnic, soccer, basketball, Halloween parade, 3K & 4K Thanksgiving program, Grandparent's Day, Muffins for Mom, Donuts for Dad, 2K Cookies, Cocoa & Carols, Order of Impalas Mardi Gras parade, Dr. Suess Day, Polar Express Day, Circus Day, Adventure Day, Splash Day, 4K Convocation, class parties, field trips and more. We are a trifecta of faith, fun and academic formation.

**For more information about the St. Ignatius Early Learning Center
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