



## Top preschool with 39 years of service to Edina students and families continues its legacy with new ownership.

**Top Edina preschool** ABC Express has a 39-year history of providing outstanding childhood education and care. As a family-owned and operated school, original owners Cathy Burley and Joanie Keis have established a legacy like no other and are passing the baton to their daughters, Anne Pickerign (co-owner and director) and Sally Schlee (co-owner and assistant director), who both grew up in the program, lived in Edina, are raising young children and have worked in various roles at ABC Express.

“On behalf of Joanie and myself, it is an honor to pass ABC Express to our daughters, knowing they will bring fresh philosophies to the table while maintaining the school’s original legacy,” Burley says.

The Christian-based preschool operates year-round, including summers, and has extended care on either side of the school day. It is one of the only schools in Edina with a staff of experienced teachers with an average tenure of 10+ years.

ABC Express provides strong academics, free choosing activities and daily outdoor time on its newly renovated playground—surrounded by expansive acreage. Students develop tools to help them as they progress through the program, which leads to a love of learning. “They get the best of both worlds—large social pieces throughout the day and strong, smaller-group academic learning times,” Pickerign says.

“We often hear from partnering schools in the district that

our ABC Express students are some of the most prepared students they have entering kindergarten. We are proud of that and strive to prepare our students for their academic, social and spiritual futures,” Pickerign says.

“Our children grew academically, entering kindergarten testing in the top percentiles in both math and reading. In addition, they also grew spiritually, socially and emotionally—making lasting friendships,” current parents Jasmine and Matt Scarlett say.

Located conveniently in the heart of Edina, attached to St. Patrick’s Church, ABC Express is accepting applications for fall enrollment, and tours are available now.

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**ABC EXPRESS PRESCHOOL**

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