

Who We Are

About Us

Joyful and authentically Catholic school with a curriculum that provides a foundation in what is good, true and beautiful

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PRE- KINDERGARTEN

Curriculum Summary



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YEARLY CURRICULUM

Language Arts

Writing:

Fine Motor Skills are developed throughout writing and art lessons. PreK uses the Writing Without Tears Curriculum. The class learns to form letters and numerals by using various materials such as clay, shaving cream, wood pieces and finger paint. PreK students learn how to develop a strong crayon grip using thin crayons and markers as well as how to define their writing hand. Students also learn how to recognize all 26 upper and lower case letters and letter sounds by circling in text and listening to audio disks.

Reading:

Students will have a strong foundation with their reading readiness skills. Each week, a book containing six key vocabulary words is read aloud. The class learns how to use the vocabulary in sentences by listening to audio that accompanies the book, pictures that depict the words and picking the vocabulary out when used in the story. PreK also listens to poems, prayers and thematic stories.

Science

Once a week, students participate in science class. The PreK class may make playdough, blast off a rocket, make Gak or take a nature walk.

Mathematics

Some concepts covered in math are colors, shapes, sorting, classifying, 1:1 counting, puzzles, mazes and ordinal numbers. During math lessons, students are asked to complete worksheets several times a week to learn not only the concept but the process in doing written work. Students are asked to write their name on the top, listen to oral directions and to flip their paper over when completed.

Religion

Religion is taught throughout the day; in class, attending Mass, and by reciting daily prayers, such as the Rosary and Grace before meals. The class is also given the opportunity on a daily basis to say special intentions and thank God for all things important to a four year old!

Social & Developmental Skills

Throughout the school year, students develop strong work habits that include following routines independently, following directions, working in small groups, seeking only his/her share of teacher's attention and learning not to disturb classmates while they work.

Students learn how to listen quietly and lengthen their attention span. The children will learn how to respond to a story by answering questions and waiting their turn to speak. The class will expand their vocabulary and learn to speak clearly and in complete sentences.

Summary of the Year

In PreK the areas of focus are social/emotional growth, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, reading readiness, math readiness, work habits, listening skills and speaking skills. Social and emotional growth takes place throughout the day but these skills are most focused on during Center Time. Center Time is 45 minutes and consists of three changes. Students can choose which center they wish to do as long as there is space available. The focus is on conflict resolution, sharing, working together and cleaning up.

Specials

Art, Library, Music, Gym