



# Saint Francis of Assisi School

*Experience the Good, the True, and the Beautiful*

## RELIGION IN PRE-SCHOOL

The *Image of God* program is a Catholic religion curriculum by Ignatius Press for children ages three and four. This curriculum is centered on an approach found in the writings and teachings of Pope Saint John Paul II. Lessons stress the dignity of each individual as a person made in the image and likeness of God. The *Image of God* curriculum has as its emphasis two key truths: God loves us and He created us for happiness. These key truths form the unifying element of each lesson.

Pre-School students will

- Develop an awareness of God and His love for them
- Recognize that God loves each of them uniquely
- Be introduced to prayer and ways of talking to God
- Become familiar with the liturgical seasons and how they relate to our seasons
- Participate in weekly All School Mass with an older student who is assigned as their buddy

## LANGUAGE ARTS IN PRE-SCHOOL

Reading is designed to help each child develop an appreciation and enjoyment of stories. Reading activities enhance vocabulary and comprehension skills while expanding the child's knowledge base.

Pre-School students will

- Develop a love for books and details of stories
- Retell stories and events as they have heard them
- Relay the sequence of events in a story
- Enjoy interacting with books
- Recite poems and rhymes

The study of Phonics introduces the child to knowledge and phonemic awareness of the alphabet.

Pre-School students will

- Pronounce and grow familiar with each letter of the alphabet
- Recognize the letters in their names
- Use songs and rhymes to learn the order of the alphabet

## **FINE MOTOR SKILLS IN PRE-SCHOOL**

Activities using fine motor skills aid and improve the child's small muscle development and hand-eye coordination. Growth in this area leads to mastery of an effective pencil grip.

Pre-School students will develop fine motor skills while

- Playing with playdough and buttons
- Stringing beads
- Doing puzzles
- Practicing proper scissor use
- Learning to color

## **MATHEMATICS IN PRE-SCHOOL**

Our Pre-School math program uses hands-on activities to help children gain a greater understanding of mathematical concepts. Practice is held in large group settings through calendar activities and daily routines. Small group math work is done at center time and in rotating stations.

Pre-School students will

- Count to 10
- Use one-to-one correspondence
- Master number recognition to 10
- Sort objects by 1 or 2 attributes
- Make a simple pattern
- Identify colors and shapes

## **SOCIAL STUDIES IN PRE-SCHOOL**

Pre-School Social Studies focuses students on the world around them. Students will learn to care for the greater community and for themselves. They will see their valuable role in their own family and in society.

Pre-School students will

- Learn about their family and their immediate community
- Understand how to be a good neighbor
- Engage with other cultures, families, and periods of history

- Recognize rules and their purpose in allowing groups to work effectively
- Actively participate in themed seasonal activities
- Create Holiday crafts and presents

## SCIENCE IN PRE-SCHOOL

Our St. Francis Pre-School Science curriculum offers children hands-on opportunities to observe, measure and explore. Through delight and wonder, our students develop a natural curiosity and love for the world around them.

Pre-School students will

- Participate in themed activities
- Study the life cycle of apples and pumpkins
- Learn all about fire prevention
- Explore nature as it is found on our beautiful campus
- Serve the greater good through our community helper program