

Curriculum & Objectives

Kindergarten Overview

Language Arts

Experiencing literature by focusing on literary themes is the core of the program.

- Listen to and analyze stories
- Participate in shared, guided and independent readings
- Develop age-appropriate writing skills
- Develop phonemic skills for decoding words
- Goals are achieved primarily by direct instruction and small center activities

Center activities:

- Writing, reading, drawing, listening and phonics
- Daily auditory, visual and kinesthetic experiences in phonemic sounds

Science

- Hands-on approach
- Scientific process of observation and prediction
- Science integrated into the overall Kindergarten curriculum
- Science units are: Life Science, Physical Science, Earth Science and the Human Body

Social Studies

The Social Studies program helps the students move beyond their own regions to broaden their sense of place. It emphasizes how the world was long ago and compares it to the world now.

Literature, biographies and lessons about real families introduce students to people and events in other times and places. The students will explore geographic and social aspects of their world.

Math

We strive to have a child-centered program based on a kinesthetic approach. We use manipulative materials to develop concepts and skills.

A very clear, precise framework is laid out where students develop a strong understanding of number sense and mathematical reasoning. Key elements are:

- Focus and depth
- Use of models
- Strong number sense
- Emphasis on problem solving

Religion

Four religious themes:

- The World is a Gift from God
- God Loves Us
- We are Friends of Jesus
- We Live as Friends of Jesus
- Weekly Gospel message
- Religious holidays celebrated
- Honor Mary in May and learn the rosary

Technology

- Empowered Learner
- Catholic Digital Citizen

Music

- Learn to move with non-locomotor and locomotor movements to music in different styles
- Use words for and experience basic musical concepts
- Feel a steady beat in music of different styles and cultures
- Explore making high and low movements and vocal sounds
- Experiment with the musical genre of jazz

Art

- Learn basic elements of art and principles of design
- Explore and identify various art media
- Create and describe art that expresses their own thoughts and beliefs, themes in the Catholic faith, integrates other disciplines, and expresses cultural heritage
- Identify and value thoughts, beliefs and expressions of others by talking about others' artwork
- Build life skills through: working in teams, implementing projects, working independently and developing creativity
- Identify and explore the history of art

Physical Education

- Complete a daily exercise regimen designed to prevent injury, increase dexterity, promote greater strength and enhance sense of well-being and confidence
- Learn rules of contests and reasons behind same
- Practice competitiveness with regard to Christian sportsmanship
- Learn the value of treating teammates and opponents with dignity and respect