



Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum

Saints Peter and Paul offers half-day Preschool and full and half-day Pre-Kindergarten options that allow for enrichment of academic skills. Through creative play, exploration, developmentally appropriate lessons and activities, children are given opportunities for spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and social growth. The students in our preschool and prekindergarten classes will be provided with enjoyable lessons and multi-sensory activities designed to promote academic success.

Faith

Catholic values are an integral part of our day as they apply to everything we do. Through prayer, bible stories, and discussion, students will learn of God's amazing love and how we can share it with others. We foster recognition of God's love in the child's everyday life using Bible stories, daily prayer, and opportunities to attend school Masses and prayer services. We lovingly open our students to God's truth, beauty, and goodness as we integrate all aspects of life, in accord with a generous and merciful creator.

Math

Students will develop a strong number sense and understanding of mathematical concepts. The Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten children learn about number recognition, one-to-one correspondence counting, quantifying, sorting, sequencing, patterns, spatial awareness, shapes, measurement, time, charting, algebraic ideas, and problem solving by participating in a wide variety of mathematical activities that consist of hands-on experiences, discussion, and exploration. We promote mathematical thinking through daily, hands on experiences.

Science

Students will investigate the use of basic tools, physical properties, life cycles, senses, the earth's environment, and scientific play. Students will learn to use and engage their creative thinking skills through play and exploration in a sensory-rich atmosphere.

Social Studies

Students will learn about roles, rights and responsibilities, conflict resolutions, basic economics, maps, past and present, community, cultures, celebrating self and people around us. Students are supported as individuals who will eventually collaborate and work with others to live out God's love in the world!

Literacy

Students will develop language and communication skills. We creatively incorporate best practices to support each child's language and vocabulary, phonological awareness, knowledge of the alphabet, concepts of print, read-aloud experiences, and writing through an authentically rich literacy-based program. They will recall words from fingerplays, songs and stories, communicate ideas and feeling with new vocabulary words, use emergent literacy skills—letter recognition, beginning sounds, and left to right progression as well as show enjoyment and understanding of text. Learning will be based on our student's independent and developmentally appropriate ability level. Our students are immersed in balanced literacy fundamentals encouraging a love of reading and writing, as a pathway to every other area of our curriculum.

Emotional and Social Growth

As students learn, grow, and interpret the world, their emotional growth develops to enable them to become independent learners and thinkers. Activities that promote individual success will encourage children to recognize self as a child of God made in His image, grow in confidence, take responsibility for self and engage in respectful and cooperative peer activity.

Large and Small Motor Development

Children are learning to develop and fine tune their muscles as physical growth takes place. Students will participate in a variety of activities to encourage development of control during large motor activities, hand and eye coordination, development of proper grip for pencil and crayon, as well as the development of proper use and control of scissors.



Fine Arts

Children will participate in weekly Art classes with the school's Art teacher and be exposed to various art processes and materials. Music will be used as a way to build creativity and self-expression.

Foreign Language

The objective for enhancing Spanish is to have early exposure to the language. The approach is fun and engaging through playing and singing Spanish songs.