

Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum

RELIGION

In a Catholic Pre-Kindergarten, religious development is of primary importance to us. It will be approached simply and in the total context of the child's life. We believe values are cultivated in a child not only through direct teaching, but also through example experienced in everyday situations. We will learn short prayers to be said at meals and at group times. Songs, stories, and activities will often be of a religious nature.

- Proclaim God's goodness
- Centers on Christ
- Flows from Scripture
- Follows Church documents
- Relates life experiences to the Good News
- Ministers to the family
- Involves the Parish Community
- Prepares students for Christian leadership

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

We will provide a loving environment, stressing a positive approach to success in daily activities. We will encourage the development of self-respect for others, and to respect authority in and out of the classroom.

READING/PHONICS

READINESS

- Recognition of name
- Recognition of upper and lower case letters
- Left to Right progressions
- Recognition of basic colors and shapes
- Identification of initial consonants

WRITING

- Practice writing letters and numbers / Workbook
- Write name
- Copy shapes and words

ORAL/THINKING SKILLS

- Following directions
- Using language to express thoughts, feelings and ideas
- Taking turns speaking and listening in a group

LITERATURE

- Exposure to a variety of books: Religious, fairy tales, fables, modern stories, poetry, finger plays, flannel board, and nursery rhymes.

MUSIC

- Movement
- Songs
- Rhythm
- Bean Bags
- Streamers
- Exposure to musical instruments

MATHEMATICS

- Rote count to 20 by ones
- Rote count to 20 in Spanish
- One to one correspondence
- Arrange objects by size and length
- Make a pattern using objects
- Calendar discussed daily

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Concepts of movement
- Shapes
- Size relation
- Measurement and direction
- Awareness of people around us

SCIENCE

- Dinosaurs
- Plants/Seeds
- Sea life/Octopus
- Weather
- Five Senses
- Animals

ART

Provide fine motor skills using

- Scissors
- Play Dough
- Easel painting
- Finger painting
- Crayons/Chalk
- Textures

COOKING

- Simple recipes for healthful snacks

Parent Survey Comments

- Our family has found that Holy Spirit exceeded our expectation that we had for our child and for the school environment. We love the family atmosphere and look forward to the upcoming years with HSS.
- We like the discipline and structure. Everyone (teachers, staff...) is concerned and sincere. The school seems to be well organized; our first year has been very smooth.
- Dedicated staff and feeling of community that this school provides. Location was a plus.

The purpose of this flyer is to present you with an idea of the curriculum offered to students in this grade level at Holy Spirit School. A flyer cannot completely explain the curriculum, but focuses on major themes and content.