

CURRICULUM

Religion:

Principles of Catholic Justice (human dignity, citizen responsibility, dignity of the poor, the rights of workers, care of God's creation)

God loves me

Jesus is God's Son

I am part of a church family

I can show my love for God

Social Emotional Development:

Play, work, and interact easily with one or more children and/or adults

Participate in activities to develop skills necessary for building esteem and abilities, including self-image and self-care

Language:

Develop listening skills for the purpose of gaining information or pleasure

Develop language through speaking and expressing ideas in group or individual settings

Develop writing skills and experiment with the writing process - we use the d'nealian writing method (the letters are slightly slanted and most have "tails")

See <http://www.abcteach.com/DNealian/printarrows.htm>

Develop reading readiness skills through visual discrimination, print awareness, phonological awareness, vocabulary, and comprehension

Develop vocabulary and understanding of words

Mathematics:

Sort and classify objects and analyze simple patterns

Identify common geometric shapes, their properties and relationships in the environment

Problem solving

Develop number sense to help solve real math problems and communicate reasoning to solve these problems

Explore measurement

Develop and begin to use estimation, proportion, and calculations

Collect and organize data

Cultural and Environmental Studies:

Introduced to scientific terminology
Practice appropriate behaviors while taking turns, sharing, and respect for others
Develop awareness of choices and their impacts
Awareness of God's creation
Develop awareness of Earth and space
Investigate and describe objects scientifically

Safety and Physical Education:

Participate in activities that develop gross motor skills
Demonstrate non-movement skills like stretching, bending, twisting, pulling etc
Eye-foot and hand-eye coordination
Develop fine motor skills
Develop age appropriate personal hygiene skills

Art:

Basic drawing, cutting, gluing, coloring and painting skills
Responsibility
Develop self-expression
Show appreciation
Explore a variety of media, textures and methods

Music and Movement:

Develop appreciation and enjoyment of music
Develop control, balance, and grace
Demonstrate the ability to rest and relax their body

Kindergarten readiness

Other Important things we will be working on this year to help your child get ready for kindergarten are:

Wash hands before eating
Use a tissue when needed
Cover mouth when coughing and sneezing
Flush toilet and then wash hands
Button, zip, snap, buckle, tie, put on and take off clothing
Play well with other children
Share and take turns willingly

Learn to control emotions
Accept adult authority
Respect the rights and property of others
Show kindness
Listen to others
Complete a task that is begun
Follow simple directions
Put toys and materials away
Do simple household tasks
Help others
Eat away from home
Open packages by themselves
Write and recognize own name
Know first, middle and last name
Know address and phone number

D'Nealian printing

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