

Pre-School Curriculum

The St. Joan of Arc Pre-School program is designed to include experiences related to children's spiritual, cognitive, emotional, physical, language, and social development. Incorporated into the program are the standards set forth for Early Childhood for the state of Michigan. Weekly themes are introduced with activities and art projects to support them. The Sadlier Prekindergarten Learning System Investigators Club is also incorporated as a supplement to the curriculum. Children investigate the world around them, learning about school, building things, the body, animals, water, plants and growing things, and weather.

The Pre-School Religion curriculum incorporates the RCL Benziger Pre-School program as well as many seasonal religion themes. Children will develop an awareness of Jesus in people and places, as well as a belief that Jesus is all loving and caring. Children will begin to develop a relationship with Jesus that is very special and unique.

In Pre-School we work on and begin to introduce many skills that are needed for school success. All of the children are given the opportunity to develop the following skills:

Social and Emotional Growth

- Interacts well with others
- Participates in group activities
- Shows self control
- Takes care of one's own needs
- Shows self confidence

Small Motor Growth

- Tracing lines and shapes
- Cutting with scissors
- Holding pencil, marker, or crayon correctly
- Playing with playdoh
- Completing puzzles

Large Motor Growth

- Running
- Jumping
- Hopping
- Skipping
- Music and movement activities which is a wonderful way for children to practice gross motor skills, move their bodies, and follow directions.

Reading Readiness

- Shows interest in books and stories
- Answers questions about stories
- Shows an interest in writing
- Dictates sentences to be written
- Recognizes own name in print
- Sings songs and fingerplays
- Identifies letters

Math Development

- Identifies numbers
- Counts by rote
- One-to-one correspondence
- Matching
- Sorting and classifying
- Identifies simple patterns
- Creates simple patterns

Social Studies Development

- Awareness of families, friends, community helpers
- Safety rules and transportation

Science Development

- Weather awareness
- Five senses
- Nutrition and health

Religion Development

- Learn about Jesus
- Understand that they are special and unique
- Understand that Jesus loves them
- Learn and use daily prayer
- Introduce sign of the cross, grace before meals
- Hail Mary, Our Father
- Develop a loving relationship with Jesus
- Helping others through Christian service