

Pre-Kindergarten Program

The St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School Pre-Kindergarten Program is a Christ-centered introduction to education that fulfills the needs of the whole child using the following objectives:

- Each child's spiritual awareness will be fostered in encouraging recognition of God in their daily lives.
- Children will learn socially acceptable ways of expressing their feelings, as well as respect for friends, teachers, and parents.
- Children will be able to exercise curiosity, ask questions, and become problem solvers to develop understanding of the world around them.
- Children's progress will be assessed through observation and work samples, and will be regularly communicated to parents.

Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum

- Our goal is to provide an early learning opportunity for Pre-Kindergarten children, ensuring that they begin their formal schooling eager to learn and ready to succeed.
- The children enjoy activities in a large classroom taught by a licensed teacher with early childhood background.
- The Pre-K Program's curriculum offers developmentally appropriate learning experiences, focusing on the cognitive, language, social/emotional, physical and spiritual growth of 4 and 5 year olds.
- The Pre-K curriculum addresses the Indiana Foundations for Young Children through play, literacy activities, and investigation.
- Students have the opportunity to take advantage of many different areas of curriculum: Computer, Music, Library, and Physical Education.
- Our Catholic faith is incorporated into the curriculum in an age-appropriate manner through the development of prayer life and the knowledge of the Church seasons and holidays. Students attend Mass weekly with their 8th Grade Buddies.

Pre-Kindergarten Schedule

Morning Session		Afternoon Session	
7:40	Arrival Activity	11:35	Free Choice Center Play
8:00	Morning Prayer	12:10	Lunch
8:10	Morning Message (Circle Time)	1:00	Story & Rest Time
8:40	Special: Library, Gym, Music or Computer	1:30	Afternoon Extension Activity/Craft
9:10	Table Time (Fine Motor, Art/ Craft)	2 :10	Recess
9:30	Snack	2:45	Pack-up & Dismissal
9:45	Morning Recess (Outdoor Play)		
10:15	Small Group Learning (Centers)		
11:30	Dismissal for Morning Students		

Tours and Visits

We are glad to arrange tours of our school and student visits to the Pre-K classrooms. Please call our school to arrange a date and time.

Pre-K Admission Criteria

- Child must use toilet independently.
- Must be 3 by February 1 of the entering school year.