

Three Year Olds

St. Peter School's Key Cottage Three Year Old Program seeks to provide our youngest students with a sense of security while learning in and outside of the classroom. A child-centered learning environment matches the growing skills and competencies of student's individual needs as well as inviting open-ended exploration. We believe that learning through play, nurturing social-emotional growth and strengthening fine and large motor skills should be the focus of an educational program for our youngest elementary students. We offer a variety of experiences to enhance each child's development. The nurturing atmosphere at Key Cottage will enable the children to learn in a setting that is age appropriate and fun. Some of the highlights for the year are the New Mother's Coffee, the Little Lambs Advent Program, Easter Egg Hunt and end of the year Fun Day!

Religion - Chapel Time

- Prayers: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be and Blessing before meals
- God made all things
- Jesus loves us and we learn of his life and love for us through Bible stories
- God gave us families, and we show our love to him by loving and helping others just like the first Holy Family

English Language Arts

- Plays with language using rhyme, songs, and chants
- Uses small manipulatives to strengthen muscles for a proper grip for writing
- Engages in role play and drama
- Recognizes own name
- Begins to express needs, feelings, and ideas using appropriate vocabulary
- Builds phonemic awareness through listening and speaking activities
- Introduce letters and sounds

Social

- Develops a spatial vocabulary (e.g., up, down, between, over, under)
- Is introduced to various community helpers
- Explores the outside world through in-house field trips
- Recognizes role of self in relation to family, peer group, school and greater community
- Explores and celebrates diverse cultural traditions and holidays

Character Education

- Learns about friendship
- Learns and practices self-control through various experiences
- Explores virtues through literature

- Builds a basic vocabulary of measurement (e.g., short, long, heavy, light, full, empty)
- Is introduced to use of calendar, measurement, time, graphing and predictions
- Begins to recognize two-dimensional shapes in the environment

Science

- Is exposed to the concept of the sun as a light source
- Explores nature (living, non-living and dead)
- Learns how weather affects daily living and the concept of the four seasons
- Is introduced to the skills of observation, classification, communication, measurement and prediction

Cooperative Learning

- Begins to play cooperatively with peers
- Learns responsibility through class jobs
- Is introduced to social skills regarding friendships, learning, and behavior
- Learns to share physical space and materials in group play



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