

CURRICULUM

The curriculum that we use to guide us at Our Lady of Presentation ECC is creative curriculum. We feel this curriculum best relays our educational philosophy and helps us to achieve our mission. We utilize this curriculum as a foundation for our teaching in all age levels, 1's through pre-k!

During these times of economic hardship, families start to look even more at every aspect of their lives in order to make sure they are getting the most for their "dollar". So of course, this would extend to your child's education. You may ask yourself, "What am I paying for?" "What is my child actually learning in preschool?"

Here are some questions to ask yourself when thinking about your child's preschool experience:

Do you want your child to...

- Get along with others?
- Do well in school?
- Become good readers?
- Speak and write well?
- Be creative?
- Enjoy learning?
- Make decisions?
- Develop physical skills?
- Have good study skills?
- Be self-confident and respectful?

Will my child...

- Be safe and free from harm?
- Feel comfortable and happy at school?
- Be with adults that are warm and responsive?
- Have interesting things to see and do?
- Learn to get along with other children?

So how do we answer these questions and what is your child learning?

In the Toddler's and Two's programs you will see your child change from being totally dependent on others to being able to choose their clothes; from listening to stories to repeating ones they have read with someone else. Your child will grow in all areas of development. The main areas that you can expect to see the most learning in are:

- Learning about self
- Learning about feelings
- Learning about communications
- Learning about others
- Learning to Move and Do
- Learning about thinking

We will promote this learning by focusing on two major areas: first your child's daily routine, which consists of hellos and goodbyes, diapering, eating and mealtimes, sleeping and naptime, and getting dressed. Second, our daily activities, which consists of playing with toys, dabbling in art, imitating and pretending, enjoying stories and books, exploring sand and water, having fun with music and movement, and going outdoors.

Social/Emotional Physical Cognitive Language

We will promote learning in these developmental areas by focusing on the following: Our classroom environment, the daily schedule, outdoor play, and classroom activities. Classroom activities consist of blocks, dramatic play, toys and games, art, discovery sand and water, computers, library music and movement, and cooking. These activities will be presented in a variety of teacher directed and child initiated methods.

An exciting change this year that will affect all age levels will be the introduction of a new religion curriculum, "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd". We will be sending out more information as our staff goes through training. As always we will continue to have our extracurricular activities available for all age groups.

We hope that providing a well-rounded program in a safe and clean environment with a qualified and loving staff, you will know that your child is getting the best start possible and you are spending our "educational dollar" the best way possible.