

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL PRE-KINDERGARTEN

PHILOSOPHY

The Blessed Sacrament School Pre-Kindergarten Program offers time and space for young children to be children where they are free to play, explore, and imagine. It is designed to lead them from wonder to discovery and from investigation to affirmation. It provides the opportunity for all children to associate pleasure with learning so that each one feels good about herself or himself.

In the Pre-K Program, the teacher collaborates with parents in sharing religious beliefs and values with children. This adult encouragement and example are the most important factors which influence faith development. As collaborator, the teacher fosters a deeper awareness of God's presence. The teacher is flexible and supportive in meeting the needs of each child. The teacher offers each child space to experience the joy of learning at his or her own capacity and pace.

GOALS

- To provide experiences that meet children's needs in their spiritual, physical, social, emotional and cognitive development.
- To provide a high self-esteem in each child through a positive feeling toward learning
- To develop social skills through play and through interaction with adults as well as peers.
- To provide cognitive development activities through concrete and "hands-on" materials.

- To provide an environment based on trust, inclusion, and affirmation.

PRE-K DAILY SCHEDULE

7:40 – 8:30	Arrival (Opening Activities/Individual Choice, Puzzles, Books, Listening Center)
8:30 – 9:00	Circle Time (Attendance, Counting, Calendar/Weather/Songs/Finger Plays, Sharing)
9:00 – 10:00	Teacher Directed Activities/Learning Centers/Religion
10:00 – 10:20	Snack
10:20 – 10:50	Outdoor Play/Gross Motor Activities
10:50 – 11:00	Prepare for Lunch
11:00 – 12:00	Lunch
12:00	A.M. Dismissal
12:00 – 12:15	Story Time
12:15 – 12:45	Nap/Rest Time
12:45 – 1:15	Music/ Movement Activities
1:15 – 1:45	Teacher Directed Activity
1:45 – 2:00	Story Time

2:00 – 2:15

Clean Up/Prepare for Dismissal

On a weekly basis students also participate in regularly scheduled gym, music and computer classes. An extended-day option is also available from 2:15 – 5:30 P.M.