

St. Valentine Pre-school Curriculum

Our Preschool provides a safe, fun and loving hands-on learning environment. Our students are encouraged to grow socially through play and learn to live with kindness as Jesus did. Our curriculum includes a variety of learning activities that challenge young minds each day:

Language Arts

We introduce preschoolers to reading, writing and comprehension skills in many different ways to keep the learning environment fun. We focus on strengthening early literacy through daily stories and regular visits to the library. Readiness activities include crafts, large and small motor exercises, stories, songs and games.

Math

Math skills are developed through creative techniques that engage and capture each child's best learning potential. Through various games, songs, art projects and worksheets, students learn to compare and contrast, identify numbers, shapes, colors and patterns.

Tech Education

We have obtained tablets to strengthen our students' cognitive skills and to educate them with the latest technology.

Science

Science is all around us, but for preschoolers, so much in their world can be hard to understand. Watching the sun disappear at sunset, seeing water come out of a faucet then vanish down the drain, or marveling at the many colors of a butterfly can be mysterious, magical things. Our science curriculum helps students develop scientific thinking skills through observation and hands-on learning experiences.

Social Studies

Our Social Studies curriculum focuses on community and history. Through discussion and field trips to people and places around town, they learn about our community and the many jobs people have that make it special. Our students learn about our country through activities around historical holidays.

Library

Students can check out a book from the classroom's library to read at home. Visits to the library encourage children to view reading as a fun way to spend quality time with a family member.

Art

Art is a creative way for students to express themselves and learn the basics of colors, lines, shapes and textures. It strengthens their fine motor skills and reinforces following directions in a multi-step process to finish the task.

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Music

Music is not only a fun way for students to explore their talent, but it also reinforces skills in other areas of the curriculum. Rhythmic patterns in music help children recognize patterns elsewhere. Music increases both fine and gross motor skills and helps develop hand-eye coordination. Memorizing songs and repeating musical patterns helps students grasp and remember what they learn throughout the class day.

Movement

Through games, free play, and child-appropriate exercises, movement helps children learn concepts such as balance, coordination, and rhythm. It is also an important tool for developing self-esteem. It teaches children about their own bodies and makes them more aware of other classmates and the space around them.

Faith

All groups enjoy listening to Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments. Follow-up activities reinforce the story's message. Songs and prayers are also used to praise our God. Occasional visits from the Parish clergy and expanded lessons during Advent and Lent continue the children's spiritual journey.