

Key Cottage 4 year Olds - Pre-Kindergarten

As our Pre-K students continue to grow in our Key Cottage, the focus remains on learning through play. The children enjoy their morning circle time with calendar explorations, songs, alphabet and counting fun. Children “play” in centers to develop social, emotional and cognitive attributes. Some of our Pre-kindergarten students’ highlights for the year are Fall Fest, Teddy Bear Tea, the Little Lambs Advent Program, Easter Egg Hunt and Pre-K Fun Day!

Religion

- Prayers: Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, Hail Mary, Our Father, Blessing before meals.
- God our creator and maker is our best friend.
- Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He helps us and cares for our needs.
- We belong to God’s family, the Church.
- We learn to choose God’s way through His commandments.
- We celebrate the seasons of the Church, especially Advent and Lenten Seasons.
- Saints in heaven are our heavenly friends. They give us a perfect example of sanctity.

English Language Arts

- Learns new vocabulary through books, activities, role playing, choral speaking and dramatics
- Speaks clearly with age-appropriate articulation
- Draws a picture of a personal experience and dictates story to match
- Communicates using complete sentences and descriptive words
- Is introduced to elements of a story
- Is introduced to rhyming words, compounds words and syllables
- Learns full name, birthday, and age
- Prints first name
- Recognizes and identifies upper and lower case letters
- Identifies beginning sounds of words

Social Studies

- Learns chronological order of events, and tools to represent time
- Continues to develop a spatial vocabulary
- Explores the outside world through in-house field trips
- Explores and celebrates diverse cultural traditions, holidays and people from the past

Character Education

- Displays self-confidence and independence
- Continues to distinguish between right and wrong
- Recognizes and practices behaviors of a good friend and citizen
- Follows St. Peter R.O.C.K. Expectations



Math

- Continues to count objects using 1:1 correspondence, numerals 1-10
- Orally counts to 20
- Begins to use today, tomorrow and yesterday to develop sense of time and sequencing
- Measures with nonstandard units of measurement (their foot, their thumb, snapping cubes)
- Recognizes, creates and extends linear patterns
- Interprets simple graphs and makes predictions based on data
- Identifies and creates geometric shapes
- Sorts and classifies by multiple attributes
- Makes quantitative comparisons by comparing sets of objects

Science

- Explores the outside world using the five senses
- Is led to reflect on new learning in science exploration
- Is introduced and begins to use the skills of observation, classification, communication, measurement, and prediction
- Is introduced to problem solving and critical thinking skills
- Explores and interacts in science lab

Cooperative Learning

- Engages in cooperative play in learning centers
- Continues to learn how to resolve conflict through problem solving
- Identifies and expresses feelings appropriately
- Increases capacity to share respectfully
- Enrich listening and oral communication skills and responds appropriately

Fine Motor Skills

- Correctly holds a crayon and pencil using proper form
- Buttons, snaps, zips and laces
- Cuts with scissor
- Increase and build dexterity by strengthening hand muscles

