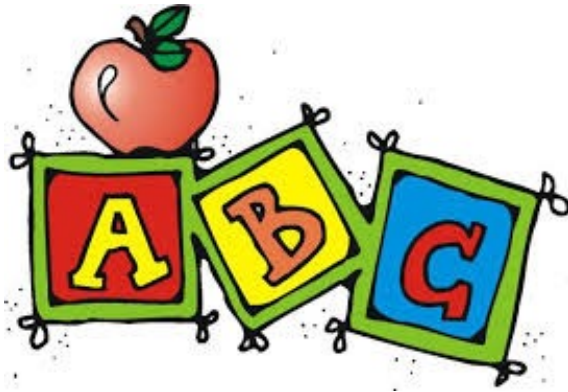


# St. Fabian Preschool Curriculum



The curriculum for our preschool programs use developmentally appropriate practices that encourage children's natural curiosity, learning through play, and hands-on approaches. Our carefully planned activities engage children everyday to explore, experiment, problem solve, ask questions, and collaborate to further their thinking skills and build their love for learning.

Our 3 Year program is a social/play based learning environment where the children learn through playing, working, and communicating with their peers. They will be introduced to the academic skills listed in this document through a faith based community that is focused on promoting a wonderful start to their journey as life long learners.

Our 4 Year program is also a social/play based learning environment where the children build upon the social and academic skills gained in the 3 Year program. Our focus in this program is placed on developing the skills needed to be successful in Kindergarten through a faith based community.

# Religion

## Stories of God's Love –Preschool Program Series

3 Year Program	4 Year Program
Daily Prayer and Thanksgiving	Daily Prayer and Thanksgiving
Sign of the Cross	Sign of the Cross
Listen to Old & New Testament Stories	Listen to Old & New Testament Stories
Understand that Jesus loves the children	Understand that we are friends of Jesus
Learn that God gave us all that is good	Learn that God gave us the world & all His creations
Learn that Jesus is God's own Son	Learn about the Holy Family
Discover our church family	Build on our understanding of our church family and the special food Jesus gives us (Holy Communion)
Learn about prayer through song	Discover that we can talk to God in prayer & learn songs of prayer
Celebrate Holy Days & Holidays: All Saints Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, & Honoring Mary	Celebrate Holy Days & Holidays: All Saints Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Lent, Easter, & Honoring Mary

# Math

3 Year Program	4 Year Program
Recognize numerals 0-10	Recognize and name numerals 0-10
Demonstrate rote counting to 10	Demonstrate rote counting to 30
Match numerals to quantities	Understand & demonstrate that numerals represent quantities
Exhibit beginning 1-to-1 counting skills	Develop 1-to-1 counting abilities
Sort by color and shape	Sort by color, shape, and size
Recognize basic shapes	Recognize and name basic shapes
Identify & extend simple patterns	Identify, describe, copy, extend, and create simple patterns
Interact with a monthly calendar	Read/use a monthly calendar & identify months and days

## *Science & Social Studies*

3 Year Program	4 Year Program
Participate in science experiments	Participate in science experiments
Observe weather conditions	Observe, report, & chart weather conditions
Discover our 5 senses	Explore using our 5 senses
Identify simple parts of the body	Identify & name simple parts of the body
Explore with various science tools	Appropriately use science tools to gather information
Interact with & Explore the world around us through special events and learning outside the classroom	Interact with & Explore the world around us through special events and learning outside the classroom
Discover signs & symbols in our world	Learn about signs & symbols in our world
Learn about holidays, days of remembrance, & historic people	Learn about holidays, days of remembrance, & historic people
Learn about rules & laws	Explore why we have rules & laws
Discover workers in our community	Discover workers & services in our community
Begin to describe past & present events	Use words such as yesterday, today, tomorrow to describe time

## Reading Readiness

3 Year Program	4 Year Program
Recognize & begin to print first name	Recognize & print first and last name
Identify letters in own name	Identify & name letters
Understand that each letter has a sound	Identify letter sounds
Repeat basic rhymes	Demonstrate an understanding of rhyming words
Listen to story, book, or poem	Listen to story, book, or poem
Participate in interactive stories	Predicts what will happen next in a story
Understand basic print concepts	Understand concepts of print Title, author, illustrator, front/back of book, & direction of text
Repeat familiar nursery rhymes	Dramatize fairy tales & nursery rhymes
Develop interest in reading	Build interest in reading/listening to stories, poems, rhymes, etc.

## Writing Readiness & Fine Motor Skills

3 Year Program	4 Year Program
Trace/Print own name	Print letters & numbers
Explore with writing tools	Correctly print own name
Draw pictures to convey message	Use pictures and words to write for a purpose
Dictate writing	Correctly trace dotted lines & figures
Explore with paint & various materials	Explore with paint & various materials
Appropriately use writing utensils	Effectively grip and use writing utensils
Use scissors & glue with control	Effectively work with scissors & glue
String beads & lace cards	Independently string beads & lace cards
Work with zippers, buttons, snaps, etc.	Independently manipulate zippers, buttons, snaps, etc.

## Large Motor Skills

3 Year Program	4 Year Program
Develop traveling movements For example: running, jumping, hopping, marching, climbing	Enhance traveling movements For example: running, jumping, hopping, marching, climbing
Walk backwards	Walk backwards alternating feet
Appropriately use playground equipment	Appropriately use playground equipment
Catch/throw a ball	Catch/throw a ball
Kick a ball	Kick a ball
Stand on 1 foot	Stand/jump on 1 foot
Participate in music movement activities	Participate in music movement activities

## *Social & Emotional Skills*

3 Year Program	4 Year Program
Independently dress self	Independently dress self
Independently use bathroom	Independently use bathroom
Participate in group activities	Participate in small and large group activities
Follow simple directions	Follow directions in work & play
Verbalize feelings	Use problem solving skills to resolve conflicts & verbalize feelings
Play cooperatively with peers	Work & play cooperatively with peers
Introduction to personal information: Full name, birthday	Know personal information: Full name, birthday, phone number, address
Develop awareness of others' feelings	Be considerate of others
Develop self-confidence	Show self-confidence



## Thematic Units

3 Year Program	4 Year Program
All About Me	All About Me
Colors/Shapes/Numbers	Colors/Letters/Shapes/Numbers
Holidays/Seasons	Holidays/Seasons
Fire Safety	Fire Safety
Healthy Bodies	Healthy Bodies
Nursery Rhymes	Fairy Tales
Butterflies & Flowers	Butterflies & Flowers
Animals	Animals
Carnival Fun	Carnival Fun

# Technology

## A Curriculum Enhancement

### 3 & 4 Year Program

Interactive academic & social lessons through our classroom Promethean ActivPanel

Lesson enrichment, social interaction/group work through Promethean ActivTable

Enrichment activities & partner work on classroom iPad

Develop respect & appropriate use of technology

Understand the need for safety rules & adult involvement when using technology

Understand & demonstrate that we use technology in several ways and for different purposes