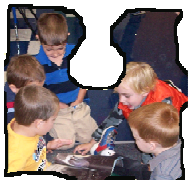




St. Joseph Preschool :

where academic, emotional, and spiritual growth

fit together.



St. Joseph School 2010-2011

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The St. Joseph Preschool Program offers a loving, caring environment for social, emotional, intellectual, and physical growth with our Certified Early Childhood Educators & Support Paraprofessionals.





"Young children are most likely to be strengthening their natural dispositions to learn when they are interacting with adults, peers, materials, and their surroundings." Dr. Lilian Katz, University of Illinois

Religion & Family

Religion helps children develop a love for God, themselves, and others. Daily religion stresses themes such as kindness, peace, and love. Children attend monthly mass while celebrating and participating in religious festivities. We actively involve parents, grandparents, and family in all aspects of education.

Language Arts

Language Arts focuses on writing names, identifying letters and sounds, rhyming, and beginning print concepts. Listening and speaking skills are developed through activities of show and tell, reading, and puppetry.

Math

Math is the introduction of patterns, recognition of shapes, counting, sorting, and graphing through hands-on activities. Calendar routines help with time concepts of days, weeks, and months.

Science

Science involves units of study including the body, insects, plants, animals, space, and dinosaurs. Children also engage in experiments with weather, nature, and observations.

Social Studies

Social Studies is problem-solving, sharing, manners, and communication skills along with important personal information and safety introduction. Specific themes of learning include family, community, and transportation.

Motor Skills

Children are guided in the development of gross motor skills and fine motor skills with indoor and outdoor active play, puzzles, and manipulatives.

Library

Weekly library lessons and literacy enrichment with a certified school librarian introduces all students to reading and the responsibility of checking out books for family reading time.

Spanish

The Spanish language and culture is initiated to learn basic vocabulary, music, video, and play. Verbal practice engages children in learning a second language.

Creative Arts

Children learn to express feelings through music, movement, arts, crafts, and dramatic play.

Technology

Technology is introduced by using our school computer labs. The children are introduced to technology and hands-on interaction with our classroom mimio boards, document cameras, and much more.

Field Trips & Speakers

Field trips and special guests is the utilization of the wealth of our school and community by hosting a variety of speakers and trip activities to engage young minds into all the world has to offer.