

St. Valentine School Curriculum Highlights

Preschool

3 Year Old Program

Focus on social interactions through learning to play, work and communicate with peers.

Through use of Circle Time, Play Time, and Learning Centers, the children are encouraged to cooperate and interact with the teacher and other children.

While there is time for individual exploration, children in this program work together to develop a variety of age appropriate skills.

4 Year Old Program

Focus on developing skills needed for kindergarten.

The children build upon social skills gained in the Three Year Old Program, and are encouraged to develop their fine motor, math, and reading readiness skills.

Learning Centers, Circle Time, and Outdoor Play Time create opportunities for sharing, singing, art activities, large movement, and stories.

Religion

- Sign Of Cross
- Celebrate and Learn Catholic Holidays and Traditions
- Learn about God's Love
- Bible Stories
- Simple Prayer
- Life of Jesus
- Helping those in Need
- Holy Family
- Growing as a follower of Jesus

Science

- Participate in science experiments
- Identify simple parts of the body
- Observe Weather and conditions
- Explore mixing colors
- Identify eight basic colors
- Use a variety of science tools together information
- Observe plant and animal life
- Experience the world around them, through field trips, gardening, and nature walks
- Exploring through the 5 senses
- Using simple measuring tools

Math

- Recognize and name number 0-20
- Using Puzzles
- Recognizing and naming basic shapes
- Match quantity with numerals
- Identify different sizes
- Categorize objects (shape, color ,size, texture)
- Verbally say birth date, home address, phone number

Art/ Fine Motor Skills

- Manipulating zippers, buttons, snaps
- Stringing Beads
- Play dough/Clay Activities
- Easel Painting
- Beginning writing simple words, such as 1st name
- Proper use/holding of writing tools and scissors
- Proper Use of Glue

Gym/Gross Motor Skills

- Walk up/ down stairs alternate feet
- Walks forward/backward
- Jumps in place
- Gallops, run, skip
- Hops on 1 foot, 2 feet
- Kicks/Throws a ball forward
- Takes part in group games
- Catches/Bounces a ball

Reading/Writing Readiness

- Recognizes and names simple objects
- Recognizes and names alphabet letters
- Alphabet letter sounds
- Recognizes first and last name
- Writes first name
- Introduction to writing letters
- Follow 1-3 step directions
- Listening and Responding Skills
- Identify likes/differences
- Expanding Vocabulary
- Communicate with peers
- Use books properly
- Opposite words
- Position Orientation Words

- Acting out stories with puppets
- Nursery Rhymes Activities

Social Skills

- Communicating with adults and peers
- Using Polite Manners
- Sharing and taking turns
- Celebrating Milestones
- Student of Week Activities
- Leader of the Day Activities
- Community Helpers
- City and Farm Life
- Practice decision making

Preschool students will participate in library class once a week. Preschool students will have opportunities to attend various field trips throughout the year that engage students in further learning. A parent or guardian must attend the preschool field trip with their child.