



Pre – Kindergarten Curriculum

Saint Patricia School is very pleased to offer a half or full day Pre-Kindergarten Program for 4-year old children. We also accept 3 ½ year old potty trained students, willing to attend Pre-K for two years. The student must be 5 by September 1 in order to enter the Saint Patricia Kindergarten program. The Pre-K program offers children a variety of educational tools as well as socialization skills that will carry them into our full-day Kindergarten program.

Our day begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. If you choose to use the half-day program, your child's dismissal will be 11:10 a.m.

Our day consists of the following curriculum

Calendar time: Children gain awareness about days of the week, months of the year, the weather, patterns, numbers, the alphabet, shapes and colors. Gross motor movement activities are also done, i.e. dancing, following movement directions, finger plays, etc.

Religion: Children are introduced to prayers and become familiar with Bible stories. They learn morals, manners and that Jesus is a friend who loves them.

Art: Children learn to express ideas, feelings and creativity. They develop self-confidence and decision making techniques by determining the outcome of their projects.



Math: Children learn matching, counting, sequencing, patterning, problem solving, following directions, sorting, one to one correspondence, spatial relationships, as well as shape, number and color recognition.

Science: Children develop skills such as observing, measuring, predicting, and estimating. Students participate in scientific activities and experiments to promote curiosity and creative problem solving.

Language and Literacy: Children use oral expressions and open-ended language. They create stories and thematic plays. Letter and sound recognition are promoted through phonemic awareness.

Reading: Children learn print, phonological and book awareness. They participate in group discussions and listen/respond to stories to read aloud. They also learn vocabulary words and work on comprehension skills from each story in our Reading Happily Ever After Series.

Social Studies: Children make passports and meet **Friends Around the World**. These units introduce different cultures and customs and build a sense of community.

Small Group Activities: Various tasks are given which enable children to partner with the teacher, i.e. gluing, cutting, coloring, painting, writing names, letters, numbers, and other various fine motor activities. Fine motor activities develop muscles and eye-hand coordination.

Weekly Library Visits: Children borrow a book each week from our school library.

Physical Education: Physical education classes build motor skills, coordination and cooperation.

Organizational skills: Independence is encouraged, such as asking children to hang up their belongings in their lockers, collecting their mail, getting their own school supplies out of their bins, recognizing their own spaces with their names, etc. They also learn to take care of their own snack and lunch needs.

Lunch/Snack: The school provides hot lunches for an additional cost. Children are also welcome to bring lunches from home. All parents are asked to provide a healthy daily snack for their child.

Discipline: Our policy in cases of inappropriate behavior is to re-direct the child to another activity. When the re-direction is not effective, we then warn them with time-out. If the behavior continues, they are told to sit down for five minutes at a table. If a behavior is completely out of hand, the teacher will notify parents.

Teacher availability: Parents are welcome to contact the teacher after school at dismissal or contact the school to make a scheduled appointment. Report Cards are sent home twice a year.

Field trips: The Pre-Kindergarten class typically takes 2-3 fun/educational trips to enrich a unit we have been working on in class, i.e., the zoo unit. These trips are provided for an additional cost and with the help of parent chaperones.

Birthdays and celebrations: The Pre-Kindergarten celebrates each child's birthday with a special treat provided by the child's family. We also offer various parties throughout the year i.e., Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentines Day, etc

Buddy Program: This program allows our children one-on-one interaction with students in the upper grades. Once a month, they take part in a craft, project or game. It is a unique experience that unites students and allows them to enjoy each other's company.



Rest Time: Busy Pre-Kindergarten children will need time to rest, this will be 1 hour each afternoon.

Extended Day Care is currently offered, if necessary, until 6:00 p.m. and in the morning beginning at 6:00 a.m. Daycare is not provided when school is not in session. The children follow the same calendar as the entire school.

We hope this overview assists you in making your choice for Pre-Kindergarten here at Saint Patricia School. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school at 708-598-8200 and ask for Mrs. Lauren Bujanski or email her at Mrsbujanski13@gmail.com.

We are a motivated and enthusiastic staff. We offer a fine quality program with Christian values that children will benefit from for the rest of their lives. Thank you for taking the time to consider our program. We look forward to sharing your child's formative Pre-Kindergarten year.

St. Patricia Catholic School is a place of evangelization where the gospel message is witnessed, proclaimed and taught.