

## **St. Patrick Catholic Preschool**

St. Patrick Catholic Preschool's mission is to build a faith filled community where children can experience the love of God, learn and practice virtue, and to provide exceptional educational preparation for Kindergarten. We strive to promote a balance of spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional and social growth of children.

### **Curriculum**

Our curriculum is based on the Kentucky Early Childhood Standards.

#### **Three Year Old**

The focus of the three year old program is on colors, shapes, and numbers to ten. We also work with the children to try to do things for themselves, such as putting on their coats and gloves or mittens, pouring their own drinks, cleaning up after themselves and washing their hands properly. Each day our 3s will participate in Calendar Activities, Minds in Motion Exercises, Circle Time, Snack, Free Choice Centers, Outside playtime and Storytime with a combination of large and small group activities. The 3s will work on fine and gross motor skills, basic school concepts, such as walking in lines, writing their names, cutting with scissors, transitioning from one activity to another, and social skills. The children will be introduced to the Sign of the Cross, the Angel of God prayer, the Prayer before Meals, Bible stories, and exploring the Church.

#### **Four Year Old**

The four year old classes will review colors and shapes, and be introduced to nursery rhymes, letters and sounds. We will expand upon the number knowledge built in the 3 year old class to include number identification to twenty. Instruction will be given to both large and small groups. Each day our 4s will participate in Calendar Math, Circle Time, Music, Snack, Storytime, Free choice centers and Outside play. The 4s will begin basic addition and subtraction using manipulatives. To expand their faith knowledge, we will use Bible stories, prayer and explore the Church. We will use a variety of daily exercises (Minds in Motion) to build their large motor skills and develop balance and hand-eye coordination.

## **Pre-K**

Pre-K will build upon and sharpen the skills learned in 4 year old preschool. The Pre-K day will be somewhat intertwined with the 3 and 4 year old classes, and will also allow for a significant period of time spent with just the Pre-K group honing skills and going above and beyond the 4 year old curriculum. All letters and letter sounds should be mastered by the end of the Pre-K year. Students will also learn basic phonetic blends, sight words and other pre-reading skills. In math students will continue to build upon addition, subtraction and counting skills. Student will enjoy weekly science experiments, social studies classes and of course Religion classes. Religion will be based upon Bible stories, prayer and time spent in Church.