

POPE ST.JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCH

Preschool

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PRE-K CURRICULUM

Our Pre-K curriculum has a Christian approach and aims at a holistic development, spiritual, academic and social. Highlights of the curriculum are:

- Emphasis on the development of large and fine motor skills, socialization, academic readiness, language development. In brief; readiness skill vital for a successful transition to kindergarten.
- Focus on literacy to enhance letter, vocabulary knowledge, and phonological awareness by Reading, and Circle / story time activities. Viewing flipcharts and listening to audio tapes.
- Writing on a consistent basis to enhance Print Awareness.
- Focus on Math to mathematical concepts of Numbers, Counting, Patterns, Sorting, Shapes and Size through instruction, manipulative, and activity sheet.
- Focus on Religion by daily prayer, visits the Church. Biblical concepts and stories are imparted through instruction, activity books, audio and video tapes.
- Many experiences with crayon, paints, play dough, paper tearing, cutting, lacing, art and craft, all to enhance fine motor skills and hand co-ordination and cognitive development.
- Some Science and Social science themes that run through the year are:

My Five Senses

Seasons

Animals

My Family

My School

My Community

- Out -door and in-door play, are a crucial part of our curriculum.
- Integrated learning is the most intriguing feature. Learning centers maximize discovery, wonder and retention. Lessons may begin with the letter and travel through the world of Science, Art, Math, Reading, Music, and Religion.

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- Focus on Health, Hygiene and Safety Standards by following health promoting routines and safety instructions.
- Fun is an important part of our curriculum and our goal is to see every student leave Pre-K with a positive concept about themselves, love for learning and yearning to know more.

LESSON PLAN

September

Theme: *Welcome and Getting to Know You Activities. All about Me, My Pre-K Classroom, My Friends.*

- **Writing**: Lines / Strokes / Waves / Circles. Pre-Writing Skill Activities, Identifying and Tracing letters A-C. Learning associated words and Sentences.
- **Math**: Number Concepts 1-5. Introduction to sorting and counting.
- **Science**: Johnny Appleseed- Apples, Introduction to colors and Fall Seasons). Weather.
- **Religion**: Concepts of *God's Love* and *God's Gift* to us through Nature. *God gave us the world*. We care for God's creation. The concept that I am a child of God. *God made me special*.
Gifts from God- My 5 senses that help me to learn about our world. *People* are God's greatest creation; treat others kindly. Bible stories, e.g. Creation story / Bible phrases and songs

October

Theme: *My Community and My Community Helpers.*

- **Writing**: Identifying and tracing Alphabets D-G. Associated Words and sentences
- **Math**: Revision of Number Concepts 1-5. Introduction to shapes
- **Science**: Fall. Signs of Fall. Why do leaves change color, How Animals prepare for Fall- Hoarding, Hibernating, Migrating. How

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families work together. Colors- Exploring the world of colors...Pumpkin, seeds- basic concepts.

- **Religion**: The concept that *God made my helpers*. People help us in many ways. Significance of *Guardian angels* day. The Bible is *God's love letter to us*. The Bible tells us about *God's Love*. Saints, Bible stories, phrases and songs

November

Theme: Myself and My Family (Thanksgiving)

- **Writing**: Identifying and tracing alphabets H-K. Associated words and sentences.
- **Math**: Number concept 6-10. More shapes, sorting and matching activities.
- **Science**: My 5 senses, Fruits and Vegetables. Mayflower, Pilgrim life in America, and the Native American story
- **Religion**: Concept that *God made my Family*. Jesus lived in a family. Significance of Thanksgiving and the spirit of blessing, belonging, and bounty. All Saint Day. Church- Our community. Bible phrases and songs.

December

Theme: Winter Celebration: Christmas, Winter sports

- **Writing**: Identifying and tracing alphabets L-O. Associated words and sentences
- **Math**: Revision of Number concept 1-10. Concepts of Size
- **Science**: Seasons, Signs of Winter, Safety during Winter, our Bodies.
- **Religion**: Significance of the *Immaculate Conception*, understanding Mary as our Mother, and the Mother of Our Church family. *Advent*, a time to prepare for Jesus' birthday and Christmas, the time to celebrate Jesus' birth.

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January

Theme: Happy New Year and Winter

- **Writing**: Identifying and tracing alphabets P-S, associated words and sentences.
- **Math**: Number concepts 11-15 and Position words.
- **Science**: Basic concepts of floating and sinking and water – Changes. An introduction to Animals
- **Religion**: Concept that God made air and water, Jesus uses signs like water, air, and food to show ***God's Love*** and the Church uses signs to show God's Love too. Bible stories, Samuel, Jesus calms the storm, Saints, Bible phrases and songs.

February

Theme: Animals, Valentine's Day, Lunar new year/ Tét

- **Writing**: Identifying and tracing letter T-X, associated words and sentences
- **Math**: Revision of Number concepts 11-15, Sequence- what comes next.
- **Science**: Wild animals- Animal Babies, Animal Homes.
- **Religion**: Concept of ***God's love*** and St. Valentine, Ash Wednesday. Significance of ***Lent***, a time set for inner growth.

March

Theme: Seasons- Spring, Farm Animals

- **Writing**: Revision of alphabets A-Z, associates words and sentences
- **Math**: Identifying number names, concepts of Before, After and Between.
- **Science**: Signs of Spring, and Farm Animals.

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- **Religion**: Lent, focus on prayer and compassion as part of our Lenten Journey. Holy Week, Passion story, Good Friday, Bible phrases and Songs. Significance of St. Patrick's Day. The Shamrock and the concept of the *Holy Trinity*.

April and May

Theme: Growing and Changing. Ready for Kindergarten

- **Writing**: Revision of alphabets A-Z, tracing two and three letter words
- **Math**: Counting sets, matching sets, concepts of simple addition
- **Science**: The Environment, Earth day, Birds, Bugs, and Insects
- **Religion**: The Resurrection story, To Identify *Easter* as the day we celebrate *New Life*. The concept of the Holy Spirit is with us always. Concepts of prayer- Jesus taught us to pray. Bible phrases. To honor our mother and the concept of the Ascension of the Lord