

## Early Childhood Curriculum: Kindergarten

### Kindergarten

The kindergarten program at Holy Family Catholic School is all day. A foundation of successful schooling is formed during the kindergarten year through the development of positive attitudes and learning habits. Kindergarteners are active participants in our weekly liturgies and study each of the core curricula areas.

### Religion

Kindergarteners will learn through stories, prayer, Scripture, activities, discussion, reflection, and weekly mass about their Catholic faith. Catholic values are discussed and integrated in all subject areas throughout the day.

### Language Arts

The Language Arts program is all encompassing and includes reading, phonics, writing, speaking, listening and the study of literature. The components of the program emphasize the development of those skills that allow students to read with fluency, comprehend and interpret written materials, apply correct spelling, grammar, and phonemic awareness, communicate well, and listen and speak effectively. The skills acquired and understood are applied and reinforced in all content areas.

### Reading/Literature

Students experience different genre of literature (poetry, folktales, nonfiction, fiction, fantasies, and plays). Reading fluency will develop and improve as students are presented with the following skills throughout the year:

- Linking spoken and written languages
- Using word identification strategies
- Developing vocabulary (listening and sight)
- Using structural analysis
- Comprehending the main idea
- Sequencing events of a story
- Analyzing details
- Using context clues
- Distinguishing fact from fantasy
- Making predictions

Self-appraising and self-correcting while reading

### Writing

Students will use writing to convey thoughts and meaning. Our students will write legibly using words and pictures to convey thoughts, write simple sentences, apply spelling knowledge and phonetic patterns, apply grammar and mechanics (basic capitalization, proper spacing, basic punctuation, and forming letters correctly).

### Listening/Speaking

Students will listen for understanding, follow directions and respond appropriately to the speaker. Students will use acquired language and vocabulary to express opinions. Students will participate in class discussions, recall and retell stories.

## **Mathematics**

Kindergarten students acquire a knowledge of mathematics and the ability to apply math skills and to solve math problems. Our kindergarten students will:

- Identify, write and order numbers from 0-100
- Add and subtract numbers up to 10
- Use grouping and regrouping
- Solve simple word problems
- Chart, compare and graph data
- Measure/compare length and weight
- Use a calendar
- Use a clock to determine time
- Identify monetary values
- Identify patterns and shapes
- Complete a hundred chart
- Identify and describe characteristics of shapes
- Use manipulatives to solve for an unknown
- Use ordinal numbers for position

## **Science**

Kindergarteners will use concrete, hands-on experiences to understand science in the physical and natural world around them. They learn through observing, predicting, questioning, and explaining.

Our students will study:

- Weather and seasons
- Five senses
- Solar system
- Healthy body
- Plant growth

## **Social Studies**

Kindergarten students will develop an awareness of communities and people around them. The focus will be how needs are met, celebrations, positive character traits.

## *Physical Education*

In kindergarten, our students learn and explore factors that affect a healthy lifestyle. Students will maintain personal fitness, acquire an awareness of personal health needs, demonstrate and build gross motor skills, and participate in cooperative group games.

## *Art*

In kindergarten, the students will have the opportunity to express themselves in various art forms.

## *Technology*

Our kindergarten students will visit the technology lab and use software for reinforcement of classroom lessons. They will recognize basic computer components and be comfortable using them.

## *Library*

Kindergarten students will use the school library and locate books of interest to be checked out each week.