

Kindergarten is a full day program where we have the privilege to work with our students to help them develop academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. We follow the Hartford Archdiocesan Early Childhood Curriculum Standards.

Language Arts covers the following areas:

Letters and Sounds: They will need to recognize and write all twenty-six upper and lowercase letters. They will also learn about the correct sounds that each letter makes.

Sight Words – They will be learning one hundred sight words that will help build speed and fluency when reading. Students will become confident readers and develop a love for reading and learning.

Writing - During our writing time we will focus on how to form every letter in our alphabet. Their writing skills will develop during our time together in kindergarten. We focus on how to write our letters but how to hold our pencil. They will work on writing simple cvc words such as cat, dog and run. They will also learn how to write short simple sentences and match their writing to their pictures. We will learn about starting our sentence with a capital letter, spacing out our words, using punctuation and writing a clear and organized sentence.

Our students will also identify book handling knowledge such as front/back cover, author, illustrator and if a story is fiction or non-fiction.

Math covers shapes, sequencing, and sorting counting to twenty. We continue to progress in math by asking our friends what their favorite holiday, apples, or color is and introducing the concept of graphing any of the results we gather among our classmates or our families. We also introduce forming and counting tally marks. By the end of our math curriculum our students are counting to one hundred, adding and subtracting basic facts to ten using objects or pictures. Our students will also identify our coins and telling time.

Religion -The kindergarten program is designed to invite the children to discover God's love shown through many good things God has placed in their world. They will learn basic prayers such as Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be, prayer before we eat, Eternal Rest and our Guardian Angel prayer. They will learn about our ten Commandments, our saints, various things we see in our beautiful church. We will take what we learn about our faith and apply it to real life such as how we treat and care for ourselves, families, friends, and our neighbor.

Social Studies allows our students to build knowledge in areas such as how we can take care of ourselves when we visit people in our community such as doctors and stay safe with firefighters and police officers. We may have visitors come and share interesting facts about their jobs. They will learn about the use of maps and how they help us find different things and places in our community. We will learn about different holidays we celebrate within our calendar year.

Science is another topic we cover once a week. We will cover topics such as our five senses, animals and their habitats and various parts of our plants. We will learn about our local weather and weather tools used to help us decide what we will wear for the day. We will learn about the four seasons and the changes that occur in our world.

Our students will work in small and large groups while working in any of our subject areas. They will learn how to take turns in responding during our discussions. They will also learn the importance of respecting other people's time and opinion. During center time they will learn about managing their time and working independently on any of the assignments tied to the center. Our students will also attend once a week the following subject areas: art, computers, gym, library, and music. We are a very busy class, but we take the time to sing, dance and have fun while learning all we need to learn to move on to first grade.