

The Preschool program provides children the opportunity to explore, observe, and experiment. The learning environment encourages a preschooler to ask questions, make conclusions, and develop independence. Large group activities, small group activities, and center activities will stimulate a child's cognitive, social, emotional, spiritual and physical growth. Throughout the school year the children will develop skills while learning about themes meaningful to their lives. In our program, we continuously meet the developmental needs of the children as they develop skills and require new challenges throughout the year.

Religion

Each week a Bible story is incorporated into the daily teaching schedule. The preschoolers participate in weekly chapel, and a daily Jesus time. Children sing songs and praise to God, listen to stories from the Bible and take part in group prayers and echo prayers. They come to know Jesus as their friend who died and rose for them. They know God the Father as their creator who always loves them. The children are taught to show God's love to others throughout the day.

Language Arts

Preschoolers are provided with experiences with oral and written language. Oral language experiences are provided throughout the school day. Children are encouraged to share their own experience stories during circle time as well as throughout the day.

Dramatic play activities are set up to encourage experiences with oral language. Such activities are playing house with friends, playing games, playing in the block center, etc.

Various experiences are provided in the area of written language. Children are read to on a daily basis using books, charts and participate in finger plays, rhymes and songs.

Math

Math concepts are taught through the daily routine and small group activities. Activities include lining up, counting number of total students, and number of boys and girls, calendar, sorting objects, shape identification, patterning, number concepts.

Science

The preschool children use their senses to discover the world around them. Through hands on activities the children make new realizations about the world God has created for them. Through the preschool educational themes children learn about the weather, health, plants, space, and animals.

Art

Preschoolers have opportunities to work with a variety of medium: pencils, crayons, paints, markers, tissue paper, construction paper, scissors, play dough and glue. The art project is used as a learning tool for fine motor control and following directions. Children are always encouraged to visit the art center where they can color and create their own masterpieces.