



### Preschool and Prekindergarten Highlights

The Preschool and Prekindergarten programs understand the importance of social and emotional development and its relationship to overall learning. Through the guidance of experienced and faith-filled staff, children learn the joy and beauty of life and grow in virtue. We use an integrated curriculum, carefully planned activities, and thoughtful play that are tailored to the child's developmental needs and encourage important school and kindergarten readiness skills. Through thoughtful play, we aim to encourage essential skills while nurturing growth in understanding of faith and love of God.

Our integrated curriculum provides cohesive learning experiences that nurture collaboration, communication, and critical thinking skills. It not only supports a positive attitude towards learning but also provides a strong foundation for ongoing success at school and lifelong learning skills.

Our classrooms are thoughtfully designed with engaging activities and areas to promote growth in the areas of Faith, Physical Development, Language & Literacy, the Arts, Social Studies, Mathematical Thinking, Scientific Thinking, and Personal & Social Development.

The schedule components promote the age-appropriate spiritual, physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development of preschool children. These components include: Self-interest time, Group Circle Time, Music/Movement, Daily Focus, School/Kindergarten Readiness Skills, Mealtime Activities, Book Exploration, Clean Up and bathrooms, Large Muscle Time, Fine Motor Skills, Cooperative Activities, Story and discovery time, and Creative Exploration. To read more please see our Program Plan.

Students in our Preschool Program will begin by focusing on skills to increase their success in the school environment such as: advocating for oneself, building relationships, self-regulation, following instructions, and gaining independence in self-help skills such as zipping, buttoning, and snapping.

Students in our Prekindergarten Program will focus on skills to increase their success in Kindergarten such as academics and self-help skills: recognizing and printing letters and numbers, counting, phonics, one-to-one correspondence, classification, fine motor control, correct pencil & scissor grip, cutting, and following directions.