

Prekindergarten Program (age 4)

Our program provides a strong academic curriculum of basic skills, fosters a love of learning, and challenges students at their levels of learning with opportunities for success. Children are taught to love and accept themselves, others, and God.



Our curriculum consists of the following elements:

- ✚ **Religion:** Religious instruction *ABC Jesus Loves Me* Program, daily prayer, caring for others, dealing with feelings and morals while providing living examples of a loving Christian community. Children are encouraged to love and accept themselves.
- ✚ **Reading & Language Arts:** We work on recognizing names, sounds of letters, and capital and lowercase recognition. We read Nursery rhymes and classical stories. Learning continues at circle time, singing class songs, chants, finger plays, and exploring phonics activities. We have “show and tell” daily. We also use *Handwriting Without Tears* Program.
- ✚ **Writing:** drawing, coloring, painting, and cutting activities, working on fine motor skills, practicing writing each letter learned (upper and lower case, left to right, and top to bottom. The modern manuscript method of printing).
- ✚ **Social Studies:** The following are units that are developed: our environment, All about Me, Community, various holidays, famous people and family.
- ✚ **Science:** We focus on food groups, five senses, body/health, weather, seasons, spiders, bats, plants/farms, fairy tale study, life cycle of a butterfly, dinosaurs and space. We use *My Big World with Clifford*, which is a fun non-fiction magazine for early-childhood. This tool helps bring our themes to life with colorful photos and activities.
- ✚ **Art:** Creative expression is developed by developing the students’ fine motor skills, listening skills, and following directions, all the while using a variety of art media.
- ✚ **Math:** We have the students work with patterns, sorting, numbers 1-20 (recognition, counting, and using and writing numbers).
- ✚ **Music:** There is a class with the music teacher twice a week.
- ✚ **Spanish:** There is a class with a Spanish teacher twice a week.
- ✚ **Physical Education:** There is a class in physical education twice per week.