



Holy Name Preschool Curriculum Road Map

Physical Well being, Health, Motor Skills

We give each child opportunities to develop large motor skills by offering activities such as climbing, running, balancing, swinging, playing with balls, riding tricycles, setting up obstacle courses, as well as through music and movement.

We give each child opportunities to develop fine motor skills by offering activities such as using writing utensils, scissors, playdough, small blocks, Legos, and sensory materials.

We give each child opportunities to develop personal care and safety skills by providing opportunities in our daily routine which allow children to be as responsible for themselves as possible. This includes hand washing, toileting, and other personal hygiene, as well as putting on coats and zipping or fastening them.

Social and Emotional Development

We give each child opportunities to develop social and emotional skills and a strong self concept by offering small and large group activities, clear and consistent rules and expectations, opportunities to take turns, and a safe environment to explore emotions, while working towards self regulation. We strive to have peaceful classrooms and encourage children to work through their problems. One example is the Peace Center in the Ladybug Classroom. The Bumblebee kids are practicing using words to express their emotions, wants and needs.

Approaches To Learning

We give each child the opportunity to explore multiple approaches to learning by offering open ended activities such as painting, playdough, block center, magnets, and manipulatives.

Throughout the day children are actively making choices where they work and play and how they use materials.

Cognition and General Knowledge

We give each child the opportunity to explore centers that include numbers, manipulatives, cause and effect, magnets, life sciences, and measuring. We give each child the opportunity to become aware of the world around them through themes supported by books, songs, field trips, and special events.

Some examples of themes taught through the year are, Seasons, Weather, Community Helpers, Manners, Holidays, Life Science, Farms, Family and Friendship, Ocean Life, Ponds and Lakes.

Communication, Language, and Literacy

We give each child the opportunity to develop language and vocabulary skills through play, modeling, books, songs, repetition, class discussions, and one on one interactions. We provide a print rich environment and an introduction to the alphabet. We provide many opportunities to practice pre-writing skills such as journaling and writing centers. We give each child opportunities to practice effective communication with peers and adults through play, class discussions, play acting, show and share.

Partnering with Parents

Throughout the year there will be many opportunities for families to be involved in our program. Some examples are, field trips, class celebrations, in class help, at home help, show and share, Mom's Night, Dad's Night, Muffins for Mom's, Doughnuts for Dads, Ladybug Class Bear, Bumble Bee Sharing Box Etc.

Sample Daily Schedule for Ladybug Class:

Check In & Free Play

Welcome & Prayer

Outside or Gym (large motor)

Large group time (calendar, book, music & movement, etc)

Free Play/Art Project(s) - Guided Teacher Activity

Small Group Centers, (Journals, Fine Motor, Library, Math)

Snack

Free Play/Choice

Closing Large Group (class report)