

CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL NURSERY SCHOOL

Pre-K Curriculum Overview – Taken from NYS Common Core Curriculum

SOCIAL SKILLS

- Adapt to daily routine, classroom rules and procedures
- Practice problem-solving skills in social situations
- Work in groups or with a partner on a variety of projects
- Share classroom materials with the group
- Practice using manners; please, thank you, excuse me, table manners
- Communicate his/her needs
- Take care of his/her own basic needs; clean up, fasten clothing, use tissues
- State personal information; first & last name, age, birthday, address and know when to use appropriately

CREATIVE ARTS

- Explore a variety of art processes; painting, drawing, collage, etc.
- Use a variety of art materials; crayons, tempera/watercolor/finger paint, colored pencils & markers
- Experiment with mixing paint colors
- Sing songs & nursery rhymes that enhance the curriculum; songs about weather calendar, alphabet, etc. as part of the daily routine
- Participate in movement through songs and dances
- Use rhythm sticks, bell, shakers to enrich music
- Participate in dramatic play using puppets & dress up clothes
- Children explore their creativity through their drawings; their family, stick figures etc.
- Develop fine motor skills; play dough, scissors, writing utensils, Legos, etc.

LITERACY

- Exposure to alphabet; letter names & sounds; using upper & lower-case letters
- Recognize, spell, write first name using first letter as upper-case letter
- Hold a pencil, marker, crayon correctly
- Retell familiar stories/sequencing
- Draw pictures & dictate sentences about stories and experiences
- Answer questions about stories
- Repeat simple nursery rhymes and finger plays
- Concepts of print; left to right direction, holding a book right side up, turning pages
- Build new vocabulary
- Build listening skills
- Strengthen visual discrimination

MATH

- Identify and write numerals 1-10
- Counting 1-10 forward/backward and counting objects to 20
- One to one correspondence of objects; matching one numeral with 0 up to ten objects
- Sorting by various attributes; color, shape, size

- Patterns; AB, AABB, ABC
- Sizes; small, medium, large
- Matching; symbols, shapes (using 2 & 3 dimensional shapes), patterns, etc.
- Same and different
- More, less, same, before, after, next to
- Time; day and night
- Answer "How many?" question up to 10 with a visual
- Count by rote 20 and beyond
- Compare the length, height & weight of objects
- Addition and subtraction stories

SCIENCE

- Explore science tools; magnets, magnifying glasses, & balance scale
- Experience the world through nature walks and gardening
- Observe plant growth
- Observe weather and plant life during each season
- Measure and mix ingredients in cooking activities
- Identify basic colors and explore color mixing
- Explore the world with the five senses
- Explore animals, the homes they live in and the food they eat

SOCIAL STUDIES

- All About Me
- Family
- Transportation
- Community and Community helpers; traffic signs, safety rules
- Holidays
- Exposure to Greek culture, language and the Orthodox faith