PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The Holy Cross Catholic School Preschool program is designed to introduce a variety of learning opportunities that provide a high-quality educational experience focusing on social-emotional, fine and gross motor, and academic development.

LANGUAGE ARTS:
- Letter recognition and an introduction to letter sounds
- Rhyming words
- Story sequencing
- Printed word exposure
- Beginning reading skill development
- Full name recognition and writing
    - **Language**:
        - Recite full name, age, and birthday
        - Promote vocabulary growth
        - Songs, finger plays, prayers, and Pledge of Allegiance
        - Simple object description
        - Pronouncing a variety of sounds
    - **Listening**:
        - Listen and follow directions
        - Lengthen attention span
        - Story retelling
        - Understanding prepositions

MATH:
- Count from 1-20
- Numeral identification
- Patterns
- Classifying and comparing objects
- One-to-one correspondence
- Identify basic shapes
- Direction/spatial relation concepts
- Calendar skills and understanding

RELIGION:
- Bible stories
- Recite Grace before meals
- Understanding what it means to be a child of God

SCIENCE:
- Introduction to the five senses
- Ranking of sounds - loud, louder, loudest, soft, softer, softest
- Color recognition
- Discovery through outdoor exploration
- Understanding simple plant life
- Classification of animals
- Seasons and weather
- Elements of nature

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
- Working cooperatively with the teacher and peers
- Appropriately express feelings and emotions
- Identify feelings and emotions
- Basic understanding and acceptance of others' feelings
- Develop friendships
- Develop group cooperation skills
- Teamwork and participation

MOTOR SKILLS:
Fine Motor:
- Write first name
- Practice pre-writing lines
- Top-to-bottom progression
- Formation of circles
- Hand/eye coordination
- Hand strength

Gross Motor:
- Running, jumping, hopping, catching, throwing, balance, and strengthening
- Music and movement

ART/CREATIVITY:
- Experimentation with a variety of mediums
- Develop confidence and self-esteem through praise of work
- Tear and cut paper randomly and in lines
- Circles and shapes
- Self-expression through creativity
- Draw a human figure