

Little Angels Catholic Preschool

4 Year Old Detailed Curriculum

Language Development – The child will:

- Share in story-time
- Say first and last name
- Learn to speak clearly
- Learn to communicate in sentences
- Answer questions when asked
- Use language to communicate wants and needs
- Verbally recall parts of a story
- Expand vocabulary through the use of symbols, conversation and literature
- Learn new terms and labels
- Develop language and the ability to converse and discuss ideas
- Self-select books of personal interest
- Sequence story parts
- Learn language through finger-plays
- Use listening games for sound identification

Reading Readiness – The child will:

- Attempt to say the alphabet (rote)
- Identify some lower case letters
- Identify some upper case letters
- Print first name
- Recognize eight colors
- Identify human feelings (sad, happy)
- Identify likenesses and differences
- Know some opposite words (hot, cold)
- Know some position orientation words (top, bottom)
- Use left to right progression
- Recognize first name in print
- Be provided with labels to associate speech with print

Math Readiness – The child will:

- Identify the four (4) basic shapes
- Use counting activities and games
- Rote count to ten (10)
- Count objects to ten (10)
- Sort and classify objects
- Recognize some numbers
- Identify size difference (big, little)
- Find shapes in their environment
- Sequence different sizes (small, smaller, smallest)
- Categorize objects (shape, color, size, texture)
- Continue a simple pattern
- Be introduced to numbers through daily calendar exercises
- Match one to one correspondence
- Learn identical matching
- Use sequencing and memory games

Science – The child will:

- Explore the five (5) senses
- Identify and describe the four (4) seasons
- Observe and identify weather characteristics with a daily weather chart
- Describe how seasonal changes affect people, plants and animals
- Discuss pollution, recycling and ecology
- Discuss various animals, their habitats and their behavior
- Learn about dinosaurs, the ocean, the rain forest and the jungle
- Learn about space and the planets
- Learn about pets and how to care for them
- Experience different media in the water table
- Learn about cooking by mixing, measuring and observing physical changes in food

Social Studies – The child will:

- Learn about community helpers such as: firefighters, EMT, police, etc.
- Learn about the Pilgrims and Native Americans

- Learn about special holidays such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's day, Memorial Day and Father's Day
- Learn about famous people such as: Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, etc.
- Learn the days of the week and the months of the year with a calendar

Fine Motor – The child will:

- Exhibit hand dominance
- Hold and use crayons, pencils and markers correctly
- Use scissors correctly and attempt to cut on a straight line
- Create with easel, watercolor and finger paints
- Glue pieces together
- Attempt simple puzzle assemble (6-8 pieces)
- Create with play-dough
- String beads by color and shape
- Manipulate pegs in hole
- Manipulate small pieces
- Build with deploys, bristle blocks and wood blocks
- Attempt to manipulate zippers
- Attempt to manipulate buttons
- Attempt to manipulate snaps
- Create with stamps and stencils

Gross Motor – The child will:

- Walk up and down steps one foot per step
- Walk backwards and forwards
- Run, walk, jump, gallop and skip to music
- Hop on one (1) foot and on two (2) feet
- Throw a large ball forward
- Kick a large ball forward
- Attempt to do a forward somersault
- Attempt to walk a balance beam
- Climb up and slide down a slide
- Ride large big wheels and bicycle with training wheels
- Catch beanbags
- Do circle games in groups

Music – The child will:

- Sing songs in group
- Learn to imitate songs
- Create movement through various forms of rhythm
- Play selected classroom instruments
- Be introduced to different forms of music
- Follow instructions when doing musical exercises
- Participate in a group musical exercise
- Participate one on one in a musical exercise

Religion – The child will:

- Learn the sign of the cross
- Recite the Lord's Prayer
- Recite grace at snack-time and lunch
- Learn about Jesus through various books and tapes
- Learn simple religious songs
- Be part of group discussion about God's creations such as: nature, animals, the earth etc.
- Learn simple Bible stories and create an art project to coincide with it

Emotional/Social Development – The child in the Three and Four Year Old Program will:

- Go to the bathroom without assistance
- Learn to dress themselves
- Respond to the teacher's direction
- Respect and show concern for people and things around them
- Play and share cooperatively with other children
- Have a good self-image
- Have appropriate control over their feelings
- Follow routines independently
- Work in small groups
- Learn to take turns
- Develop good listening skills
- Develop good work habits

- Develop good health habits
- Take responsibility for personal belongings
- Be provided with opportunities during free play to make choices
- Be provided with opportunities for problem solving
- Discuss and understand the rules and responsibilities of the classroom
- Learn to solve conflicts with others
- Receive love and respect from caring adults