

*Focusing on Intellectual, Spiritual, Character, and Apostolic formation - Virtues and values in the Catholic tradition  
Nurturing environment with small class sizes  
Individualized learning to match every child's needs  
Comprehensive, challenging curriculum including special classes in Spanish, Art, Drama, Music, and PE*

### **Curriculum Overview of our Kindergarten**

**Religion:** Faith and Life Series, Ignatius Press

Program components include: Bible history, sacraments, traditional prayers, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

**Reading/Grammar/Writing:** Pearson Literacy Program, letter formation, journaling

**Literature:** Daily silent reading and daily read aloud, which encompasses a variety of age-appropriate literary genres

**Phonics:** Scott Foresman

**Science:** Interactive Science

The Nature of Science, Problem Solving, Living and Non-living Things, Plants and Animals, Earth and Sky, Objects, Matter and Mixtures, and Motion

**Mathematics:** Saxon Math Program

Program components include: numeration/operation, measurement, computation, geometry, problem solving, data analysis, patterns and functions, fractions and decimals, and analytical skills.

**History/Geography:** Pearson Learning

Exploring our World, Native Americans, Map Skills, Exploring and Moving to America, Mount Rushmore Presidents

**Spanish:** Students learn Spanish through songs, games, literature, and cultural awareness activities (a natural acquisition approach). Program components include: listening, speaking, vocabulary development, and phonics.

**Art:** creativity in variety of media, fine motor control, and art appreciation.

**Drama:** breath awareness and breathing techniques, vocal quality and projection, movement on stage, how to build a character, communication, teamwork, creativity, confidence, memorization, and healthy emotional expression.

**Music:** vocal music and theory, introduce various styles of music and different tempos and beats, learn religious, folk, and children's songs.

**Physical Education:** spatial awareness, gross motor skills, various team sports, and emphasis on good sportsmanship.

### **Examples of Special Activities**

Grandparents and Special Friends Day, Science Fair, Poetry Appreciation Day, Presidential Physical Fitness Challenge, Catechism Contest, All Saints Day Celebration, Christmas program, class field trips, service projects