

*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*

#### **Curriculum Overview of our Pre-Kindergarten 4**

##### **Religion: I Am Special**

Bible history, sacraments, traditional prayers, lives of the saints, seasons of the liturgical calendar such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter, Jesus as our friend, each child's special talents, and gifts come from God

**Phonics, Reading and Writing Program:** Fountas & Pinnell, Scott Foresman

**Speaking & Listening:** Name and letter recognition, rhyming, writing letters, enjoying literature, building on letter knowledge, sounds, words, reading readiness skills, dictation, journals, listening, and following directions

**Mathematics:** Saxon Math Program. Introduction to mathematical language and symbols; to solve simple problems with teacher assistance; to understand counting, comparing and simple addition and subtraction; and to recognize and copy simple patterns

**Monthly themes incorporate the academic areas of science and history:** I Am Special, The Five Senses, Fall, Farm Life, Early Explorers, Pilgrims, Native Americans, Thanksgiving, Advent and the Birth of Jesus, Winter, Hibernation and Migration, Polar Regions, Human Body and Health, Dinosaurs, Spring, Plants, Water Cycle, Animal Habitats, Solar System, Magnets, Summer

##### **Special Activities:**

Grandparents and Special Friends Day, Science Fair, Poetry Appreciation Day, Presidential Physical Fitness Challenge, All Saints Day Celebration, Christmas Program, Cultural Fair