

Preschool

The St. Agatha Preschool Student will...

- ✚ Cultivate the need to share and get along with others, while forming healthy relationships with one another and with God.
- ✚ Developing a love for him/herself, while learning problem solving skills and personal responsibility.
- ✚ Have a love for learning through a variety of spiritual and multi-sensory methods.



Language and Literacy

Speaking and listening skills are developed through story time, poetry, reading, drama, puppetry, finger plays, felt board, role playing, journaling, music and movement and opportunities for "show and tell".

Music and Movement

The children are exposed to music and musical instruments from nursery rhymes to classical music, etc. They have the opportunity for marching, dancing and creative movement. In addition, they have music class with our Fine Arts teacher once per week.

Science and Nature

Our nature and science table, along with large windows, increase our awareness of the world around us. The children are able to explore God's world and value nature by noticing weather and seasonal changes. We care for seeds and plants, enjoy magnets and magnifying glasses, weights and measurement, water and soil, and nature walks.

Arts and Crafts

Creativity and self expression are encouraged and developed through a variety of media. These activities promote eye-hand coordination, small motor control, decision making, problem solving, sensory perception, use of imagination and love of beauty! There are many daily opportunities to explore creative talents.



Math

The children have the opportunity to learn numbers and shape recognition, counting, sequencing, sorting and sets, patterns, signs and symbols. The use of calendar, puzzles, games, books and manipulative materials is employed.

Home Living, Train, & Block Area

Here the children enter the world of make-believe and imagination. Creative play, social interaction, speaking and listening skills and mutual cooperation are fostered and enhanced in these areas.

Circle Time

In circle, we learn about boundaries and self control in a close environment! We listen and speak, pray, watch the calendar change, and look at the weather. Stories, poems, finger-plays, drama and puppets are employed. Welcomes and goodbyes, beginnings and endings, explanations and conversations - it all happens in this circle of friends.

Faith Formation

The basics of the Christian faith are introduced through the use of Holy Scripture, drama, storytelling, flannel board and prayer. We hope to impart to the children a love of learning about God and his ways, and encourage love and obedience by modeling these in day-to-day living alongside them. The use of our quiet altar space is encouraged both individually and as a group.

In the Classroom

Our goal is to provide a welcoming and loving environment in which young children will thrive and grow. In the classrooms we provide experiences, individual and group, which promote positive self-esteem, creativity, language development, fine and gross motor skills and physical fitness. In addition, we plan activities to foster environmental awareness, social skills and development of faith in our loving God and wonder at his creation.



Each child is treated as a unique individual and is encouraged to progress and develop at his or her own pace. Remembering that play is the work of a young child, an environment conducive to such is provided. Through play, each child meets new challenges, works to understand and conquer them and in the process gains new insight, and skills in problem solving. These, we hope, will accompany each one on life's journey.

Guidelines and boundaries are set for the benefit of each individual and the safety of the group. Together we hope to grow in discover, knowledge, love of life and learning, love of each other and above all, love for the one who loves us beyond measure, Jesus, our savior.

The well-rounded preschool student will have their educational experience enriched with PE, music, art and library instruction.