

St. Mary's Child Care Curriculum Information

St. Mary's Child Care bases its pre-school curriculum on developmentally appropriate activities starting very basic and developing skills with an end goal of meeting the skills screened for at Kindergarten screening. **(For school-age children our curriculum goals are to support curriculum for each grade, based on parent and teacher requests. Appropriate social interaction is stressed and practiced daily.)*

FINE MOTOR – pre-writing practice, tracing, coloring with a goal of being able to hold a pencil correctly and eventually writing first name with 1st letter capital and the rest lowercase, confidence in the use of scissors and glue, coloring with awareness of lines.

GROSS MOTOR – We offer ample (minimum of 60 minutes/day) daily outdoor (or in the school gym in the case of inclement weather) time to master gross motor skills with a goal of mastering the skills of skipping, galloping, hopping on one foot, bouncing a ball, throwing and catching.

MATH – We practice rote counting, dialing counting the calendar in circle time, counting children in line, counting fingers, apple slices, and the rest of the world around us with the goal of counting to 10, counting 10 objects with one to one correspondence, number recognition (1-10 and beyond) and recognizing shapes: circle, square, triangle plus rectangle, oval, rhombus, star, heart, octagon, etc.

PRE-READING – We have daily story time, sing songs and practice recognizing our names and the names of our friends and other words, with the goal of being able to say the alphabet, listen to an entire story, and answer questions about the story.

GENERAL SKILLS – We offer daily project and circle time, with the goal of 10-15-minute attention span, ability to follow simple directions, and mastering of appropriate social skills and manners.

SELF-CARE – We teach self-care by practicing dressing for outside and encourage self-redressing with children have accidents. We also have dress-up clothes for dramatic play with the goal of learning to zip, button and tie. We practice hygiene through hand-washing and practice self-reliance for bathroom needs.

HOMEWORK HELP will be given to school-age children after school after all children have had their after-school snack. If there is a particular skill you would like your child to practice, please speak to the Daycare director to set up activities to help your child master those skills.