

# St. Joseph Camp Springs

## Pre-Kindergarten Ages 3 & 4

### Curriculum

Below you will find the concepts that our children will explore throughout the school year. Not all concepts will be mastered by everyone because all children learn these concepts at their own pace. The children are taught with hands-on materials, songs, and games. Assessments are made throughout the year so as to provide the best approach to further the children's learning experience.

#### Math

- Numerals 1-10
- Counting objects to 10
- One-to-one correspondence of objects
- Sort by various attributes: color, shape, size
- Patterns: AB, AABB, ABC
- Sizes: small, medium, large
- Shapes: square, rectangle, circle, triangle
- Match: symbols, shapes, patterns, etc.
- Same and Different
- More, Less, Same
- Time: Day and Night
- Explore money through games, songs, and pretend play

#### Literacy

- Teach the alphabet: letter names and sounds
- Recognize, spell, write first name
- Hold a pencil, marker, crayon correctly
- Retell familiar stories
- Draw pictures and dictate sentences about stories and experiences
- Answer questions about stories
- Repeat simple nursery rhymes
- Concepts of print: left to right direction, holding a book right-side-up
- Build new vocabulary
- Build listening skills
- Strengthen visual discrimination
- Sequencing
- Introduction to sight words
- Develop fine motor skills: play dough, scissors, writing utensils, Legos, etc.

#### Science

- Explore science tools: magnets, prisms, magnifying glasses, etc.
- Experience the world through nature walks, gardening, and other explorations
- Observe insect life
- Observe plant growth
- Observe weather and plant life during each season
- Measure and mix ingredients in cooking activities
- Identify basic colors and explore color mixing
- Make observational drawings and dictation
- Explore the world with the five senses
- Investigate animals, the homes they live in, the food they eat
- Hands on science experiments

#### Culture

- Recognize different countries, the places we live and culture
- Experience diversity through a rich environment of people, materials, and activities
- Learn about other cultures and celebrations
- Learn days of the week and months of the year in both English and Spanish
- Learn Spanish numbers and colors
- Learn basic sign language

## Creative Arts

- Explore a variety of art processes: painting, drawing, sculpture, weaving, collage, etc.
- Use a variety of art materials: crayons, tempera paint, watercolor paint, colored pencils, markers, oil pastels, art chalk, clay
- Study of art/artists
- Experiment with mixing paint colors
- Sing traditional songs and songs that enhance the curriculum
- Participate in movement songs and dances
- Use scarves, rhythm sticks, and bean bags to practice rhythms
- Use a variety of children's instruments
- Participate in dramatic play
- Dramatize familiar stories
- Act out the movements and sounds of animals

## Social Skills

- Practice problem-solving skills in social situations
- Work in groups or with a partner on a variety of projects
- Manage anger
- Share classroom materials with the group
- Follow directions
- Practice using manners: please, thank you, excuse me, table manners
- Communicate his/her needs
- Take care of his/her own basic needs: clean up toys, wash hands, roll up nap pad, fasten clothing, use tissue as needed, etc.
- State personal information: first and last name, age, school name, city, state, country
- Learn healthy habits
- Explore types of work and workers
- Explore modes of transportation
- Teach appropriate peer interactions and self control through sharing, good manners and cooperation

## Technology

- Use a computer mouse: click, click and drag
- Learn to open and close their programs
- Use age appropriate games to aide in learning alphabet, numbers, and following directions
- Use tools and equipment

## Religion

- Recognize that plants, animals, and human beings are God's creations
- Recognize that God created families to love and take care of one another
- Learn about God's love
- Listen to stories of the life of Jesus
- Learn Jesus' teachings to love God and love others
- Follow Diocesan religion guidelines
- Bible stories and songs
- Learn prayers and pray before eating