

St. James Lutheran Preschool

Areas of Learning

Spiritual

- Helping children discover and understand that they are loved by God and Jesus.
- Helping children to learn through prayer how to thank God for everything that He created including family, home, health, food, pets, and snack.

Physical Well Being

- Outdoor Play
- Help children develop and enhance gross motor skills and coordination
- Help children develop fine motor skills through games, manipulatives, beginning writing skills and projects

Cognitive

- Teaching children to problem solve and think critically
- Teaching children to identify, quantify and order numbers through counting, sorting, comparing and manipulating objects
- Teaching vocabulary using activities, games and projects to enhance and develop a broader understanding of language as it relates to math, science, geography and daily life skills Language, Literacy & Communication

Healthy Habits

- Help children to understand and practice good hygiene, physical exercise and healthy eating

Academic

- Teaching children to recognize the written alphabet as well as the names and sounds associated with each letter
- Learning to recognize their names through tracing with their fingers the letters of their names (3s) and writing them (4s)
- Helping children develop their comprehension through story time with attention placed on predicting as well as recalling details
- Helping children develop writing skills through pictures as well as early word discover
- Helping children learn to communicate using oral language to tell stories, relate events as well as express emotions, concerns and needs
- Teaching children phonological awareness to prepare them for future reading.

Scientific Exploration

Space, Dinosaurs, Insects, Senses

Social & Emotional

- Helping children develop friendships with peers
- Helping children develop and use self-control in regards to rules, routines and relationships

Musical Development

- Students explore music through songs and dance.
- Tot Music visits for a 10-week program focused on pitch, rhythm patterns, tonal patterns, and homemade instruments etc.

Art Media

Playdough, Clay, Water Color and Tempera Paint, Fingerpaint, Chalk, Pencils, Markers, Large and Small Crayola Crayons

Nature

Leaves, Sticks, Icicles, Snow, Rain, Grass, Bark, Sand, Incubating Chicken Eggs and Hatching, Raising Monarch Butterflies

Lifeskills

Baking, Cooking, Homemaking, Constructing, Community Workers

Field Trips

Firehouse (4s), Sweetbriar Nature Center - Butterfly Vivarium, Honey Bees, and Barnyard Animals (4s), Benner's Farm -Spring Baby Animals (3s)

In House Field Trips

Long Island Explorium: Lighthouses (4s) and Wiggly Worms (3s), Tot Music Music Program, Sweetbriar Nature Center Dinosaur Program