



# Divine Mercy Catholic School Kindergarten



At Divine Mercy, we base our work with young children on current knowledge of child development. We provide a child-centered environment which promotes the spiritual, personal, academic, physical and emotional needs of each child. In order to accomplish this task, we use a variety of teaching styles, state of the art technology, and active discovery learning with developmentally appropriate activities and practices. We develop language, play, move our bodies and explore art and music. And yes, we believe that education can and should be fun!

We believe that each student is a unique, valuable individual because of his/her God-given potential. We understand that our educational mission is to provide a quality Catholic education that integrates religion with learning and living. Christian values and a God-oriented philosophy permeate the atmosphere and entire educational program. Excellence in education is the hallmark that has come to be associated with Divine Mercy Catholic School.

## Curriculum Areas

- ❖ Religion
- ❖ Social/Emotional Growth
- ❖ Reading/Writing Development
- ❖ Language Arts
- ❖ Math
- ❖ Science/Social Studies
- ❖ Art/Music
- ❖ Physical Development
- ❖ Spanish
- ❖ Computers
- ❖ Library

**Religious Development:**

- Exhibit appropriate Church behavior
- Know simple daily and mealtime prayers
- Show reverence at prayer
- Develop an awareness of God

**Reading and Writing Development:**

- Respond to spoken language
- Express ideas well
- Participate in class discussion
- Speak in complete sentences
- Sequence stories and events
- Recognize alphabet
- Associate sounds with letters
- Recognize name in print
- Print name
- Attempt creative writing
- Recognize basic vocabulary words
- Recognize rhyming words

**Math Development:**

- Understand counting order 0–100
- Recognize & write numbers in order 0–31
- Sort and classify
- Construct and interpret a simple graph
- Understand positional concepts
- Understand the concepts of addition and subtraction
- Understand the concept of sets
- Recognize patterns

**Cognitive Development:**

- Know left and right
- Recognize colors
- Recognize and draws shapes
- Demonstrate an awareness of technology
- Recognize same and different
- Recall words to familiar songs

**Social Development:**

- Respect teacher, peers and learning environment
- Cooperate
- Play/work well with others
- Share and take turns
- Sit quietly when appropriate
- Display good manners and self control

- Develop a sense of responsibility
- Attempt to solve own problems

**Work Habits:**

- Follow a series of directions
- Work in small/large groups
- Work independently
- Develop organizational skills
- Demonstrate listening skills

**Creative Development:**

- Express ideas and feelings through art and music
- Respond to a steady beat

**Personal Development:**

- Know full name, address and phone number
- Know age and birthday
- Identify 12 body parts

**Physical Development:**

- Climb, Hop, Jump and Run
- Throw, Catch, Kick and Bounce a ball
- Balance on one foot
- Skip and gallop
- Walk on a Balance Beam
- Cut, trace and glue
- Print
- Ties shoestrings
- String beads
- Button and unbutton