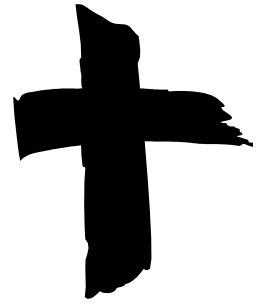




Divine Mercy Catholic School Early Childhood Program Ages 3 & 4



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 our educational mission as a quality Catholic education that integrates religion with the rest of 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 the Divine Mercy Catholic School student.

Curriculum Areas

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

Religious Development

- Knows simple prayers/Makes the Sign of the Cross
- Exhibits appropriate church behavior
- Shows reverence at prayer times
- Developing an awareness of God

Social/Emotional Development

- Listens to and follows directions
- Takes turns and shares
- Has age appropriate attention span
- Uses words to solve problems
- Does not use physical aggression
- Uses classroom material correctly
- Interacts well with others
- Sits quietly when appropriate
- Attends to teacher
- Cooperates
- Respects others
- Displays good manners
- Displays self control

Cognitive & Language Development

- Recognizes 8 basic colors
- Recognizes 4 basic shapes
- Sorts objects by color/shape/size
- Letter recognition/phonemic awareness
- Understands counting order 1-10
- Recognizes numbers 1-10
- Demonstrates one to one correspondence
- Understands spatial concepts
- Recognizes patterns
- Speaks in complete sentences
- Sequences stories, events

- Recognizes rhyming words
- Recognizes & prints first name
- Responds to spoken language

Art/Music/Creative Development

- Recall words to songs/rhymes/fingerplays
- Responds to music
- Manipulates art materials purposely
- Expresses ideas and feelings through art