

Pre-Kindergarten 3

Curriculum



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PK3 is a very exciting time at St. Andrew's! It is a time where we begin preparing our students for PK4 and Kindergarten. Many concepts are taught through small group learning centers as well as outdoor activities. We build on the interest of the children and develop themes or focus studies that may last for a few weeks at a time. Different areas of the curriculum are connected and integrated into our theme. We focus on four main areas of development, which include social/emotional, physical (both fine motor and gross motor), cognitive, and language. One of the most important things that we work on in PK 3 is how to get along with one another. Skills that will last a lifetime.

Examples Of Some Our Themes

All About Me
My Family
Pets
Fire Safety/Prevention
Fall/Fall Harvest
Spring
Halloween
Winter Wonderland
Gardening
Insects
New Orleans
Transportation
Beaches and Oceans

Frog Street Three's curriculum is used in our PK3 classes. Three-year-olds are transitioning from parallel play to interactive play, and their language capacity is blossoming. They are becoming much more mobile, and they are learning to show genuine affection and concern for their peers. Frog Street Threes meets the specific needs of three-year-olds in key areas of development:

Social Bridge
Literacy Development
Foundational Math

Language Arts:

In the PK3 program we begin to take early reading steps by introducing the letters of the alphabet and their sounds. First we have a print rich environment where the written word can be seen. Reading takes place and new vocabulary introduced in large group reading time as well as during small group time.

Storytelling Fun: We have a storyteller of the day who will sit and tell a story to a teacher. The teacher will write down the story just as it is told. Everyone comes together at afternoon learning to listen and act out the story.

Journals: Everyone has a journal where they may choose to draw a picture and tell about their picture, they may simply write letters, numbers or draw shapes. They may also choose to tell a story to be written down in their journals.

Math:

Early Math skills are introduced in PK3 and an exposure to how math works in our everyday environment.

Math concepts:

Positional Words

Counting 1 to 20

One to One Correspondence

3 and 4 step sequencing

Patterns

Recognizing numbers 0 to 20

Graphing and charting

Matching

Categories

Shapes

Ordinal Numbers

Measurements

Sorting by one attribute then by Two

Two and Three Dimensional shapes

What does not belong and why?

What is different? What is missing?

What number comes before or after?

Calendar Time: Pre- K 3 is introduced to the calendar through calendar time. We learn about the days of the week and months of the year. There are countdowns to things we are looking forward to such as Birthdays, holidays, weekends, and special activities.

Science:

Our science program is one of exploration. We are very excited to find out how the things around us work so we do many science experiments. Sometimes we have to try and try again. Many things that we study in science are about colors, plants, insects, magnets, the solar system, cooking, and scientific tools.

Social Studies:

1. We develop a sense of responsibility as a classroom helper.
2. Share, care, and cooperate and develop respect for ourselves and others.
3. Develop and foster a sense of community.

Enrichment Activities Include:

1. Art
2. Music
3. P.E.
4. Chapel