

## PRE K-3 CURRICULUM

Father Allouez Catholic School Early Childhood curriculum for 3 year olds is centered on social development while exploring early learning concepts. Specifically, teachers plan age-appropriate and active lessons in the classroom environment to include the following:

### **Social Growth**

- Experiences in group situations to encourage taking turns, sharing, and manners
- Participation in simple games, group and movement activities
- Drama and make-believe activities to practice social interactions and realistic roles
- Short circle times to support attention to stories and discussions
- Activities to explore self: likes, dislikes, wants, needs, family, and environment of the child
- Catholic themes to promote kindness, manners, and care towards others, and to celebrate our Catholic beliefs and traditions

### **Cognitive Development**

- Drawing activities to promote early spatial and writing skills
- Sorting/matching activities by one characteristic such as color, size or shape
- Comparing activities to heighten awareness of big/bigger, small/smaller, and more objects
- Counting activities to develop number concepts of quantity and order to five
- Variety of puzzles and building blocks to engage the child in problem-solving
- Art activities to foster color and shape recognition, as well as experimentation and creative expression

### **Emergent Literacy**

- Stories to promote listening attentively, making appropriate comments, and answering simple questions about a book
- Library and Listening Centers to encourage “reading” and book knowledge
- Use of rhyming stories to help with sound recognition
- Star of the week to promote comfortable public speaking and talking about items the student has knowledge of
- Adult and peer communication to encourage talking about objects, people, events, and actions

### **Motor Development**

- Activities to promote fine motor development such as holding a crayon or marker, building with blocks, puzzles, modeling with dough, manipulating small objects, and art projects
- Movement/Music activities and outdoor play to encourage large motor coordination such as balancing, jumping, hopping, ball handling and climbing.