



## Program of Studies Overview – Pre-Kindergarten –

The Pre-Kindergarten students work in a whole group, small groups and centers to work on standards to achieve mastery of concepts using a variety of different types of learning strategies. Most often hands-on learning is used in the Pre-Kindergarten environment.



### **Mathematics**

- Number identification though at least 10
- Rote counting to at least 20
- Completing simple patterns
- Use and understanding of ordinal, directional, and positional words
- Shape identification
- Sorting by different categories
- The passing of time/yesterday, today, tomorrow



### **Science**

- Life sciences
- Seasons
- Hygiene/Healthy habits



### **English Language Arts**

#### Alphabet

- Each letter is taught independently
- Phonics is introduced
- Proper formation of letters is introduced

#### Writing

- A focus on the proper formation when tracing of letters, shapes and numbers
- Writing first name independently using correct grip and formation
- Writing some letters with proper formation independently

#### Literature

- Books are read daily. This is key to developing a child's imagination, creativity and love of reading.



### **Social Studies**

#### Diversity

- The world is beautiful because we are all different
- Acceptance of others

#### Community

- Our school community
- Our church community
- The community where we live. (Community Helpers)



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### **Religion**

- Students will learn about Catholic tradition
- Students worship God through song and prayer
- Students begin to learn about Jesus' life and teachings



### **Foreign Language**

*Students will be presented with learning activities that provide the foundation and begin to introduce new ideas, concepts or skills.*

- Learn basic greetings through song: Good morning, good afternoon, good night
- Recognition of basic colors through song
- Learn numbers 0-10
- Shapes
- Animals
- Family members
- The sign of the Cross
- Students will learn basic words from themed units



### **Creative Arts**

Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade students learn to have the confidence to see themselves as artists as they explore a variety of media to produce art. St. John Paul II's visual arts program provides students an opportunity to learn about various artists, art movements, cultures, and artwork throughout the world and throughout history. Students develop higher-level thinking as they discuss, critique, form ideas, and make connections through the study of art.

At SJPII, Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade students are provided with opportunities to appreciate music while using it to deepen and enrich their spiritual lives. Students are able to discover their God-given talents through listening, singing, performing, discussing, composing, and evaluating music in local, regional, and global contexts. With their deeper understanding of music and its role in the Catholic religion, students are more prepared to fully participate in Liturgy.



### **Physical Education**

The Physical Education program follows the NC Diocese of Raleigh Curriculum by integrating the components into sports specific based learning. The large field and activity center are used to facilitate classes. Adjustments and alternative exercises will be provided as necessary. All students will continually strive to improve/master all areas of Locomotor skills at SJPII.