

Four Year Old Preschool

Preschool is an exciting time in a child's life! They live to discover and learn by singing, playing, and exploring. They are in the 'monkey see, monkey do' stage of life. It's what we call the 'Parrot Stage' in classical education. Therefore, we harness that energy and ingenuity and let their curiosity be the driving force of their education. It's a time to get messy as they trace letters, shapes, and numbers in shaving cream; to jump and sing as they learn their continents and months of the year; and to open their eyes to the beauty of God's creation around them.

Books read aloud to the class each day are an integral part of our curriculum. Picture books, stories, and poems open their minds to the beauty and language of their world. Books like *Curious George*, *The Mitten*, *The Runaway Bunny*, *Madeline*, *My Shadow*, *The Gingerbread Boy* and more! The class will read, study, and do crafts on at least 34 books each year with other titles and themes added each week.

LETTERS/SOUNDS/BEGINNING PHONICS

- Recognition of name, sound and picture of long and short vowels and consonants
- Sounding of blends and one and two vowel words
- Reading of sentences and stories with one and two vowel words

LANGUAGE AND WRITING

- Language development and listening skills that include colors, words, shapes, animals, transportation, countries, community helpers, safety, manners, and science
- Formation of letters, blends, and words
- Writing one's name

NUMBERS

- Number recognition and counting 1-100
- Number concepts 1-20
- Numbers before and after 1-20
- Writing of numbers
- Largest to smallest

BIBLE

- Bible stories and memory verses such as Creation, Noah, Boy Samuel, Daniel, Boyhood of Jesus, Zacchaeus, Good Samaritan

MUSIC AND ART

- Traditional and fun songs
- Development of motor skills in drawing, coloring, cutting, and gluing