



PHILOSOPHY OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

The early childhood program offers time and space for young children to be children where they are free to play, explore, and imagine. It is designed to lead them from wonder to discovery and from investigation to affirmation. It provides the opportunity for all children to associate pleasure with learning so that each one feels good about him or her.

In the Early Childhood Program, the teacher collaborates with parents in sharing religious belief and values. His/her adult encouragement and example are among the most factors, which influence faith development. As collaborator, the teacher fosters deeper awareness of God's presence. The teacher is flexible and supportive in meeting the needs of each new group. The teacher offers each child space to experience the joy of learning at his or her own capacity and pace.

GOALS OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

1. To provide experiences that meet children's needs in their physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual development.
2. To develop a high self esteem in each individual through a positive feeling towards learning.
3. To develop social skills through play and through interaction with adults as well as peers.
4. To provide cognitive development activities through concrete and hands on materials.
5. To provide an environment based on trust, inclusion, and affirmation.

THE MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Name is a Catholic School providing an environment for a quality education based on the Gospel Message, which fosters service to the community.



REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING PRE-SCHOOL & PRE-K

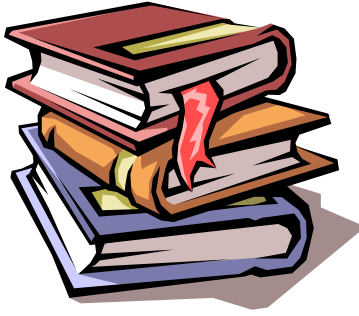
Students entering our 3-year-old Pre-School program will need:

1. Hepatitis B shot.
2. Kentucky Immunization Certificate (up to date and on Kentucky's form).
3. Copy of the student's State Birth Certificate.
4. Catholic students need a copy of the Baptismal Certificate if not baptized at Holy Name of Jesus Church.
5. Child must be 3 by July 1st.
6. Child must be completely potty trained and able to take care of personal needs. He/She must be able to tell us that he/she needs to go the bathroom and must be able to clean himself/herself.

Students entering our 4-year-old Pre-K program will need:

1. Hepatitis B shot.
2. Kentucky Immunization Certificate (up to date and on Kentucky's form).
3. Copy of the student's State Birth Certificate.
4. Catholic students need a copy of the Baptismal Certificate if not baptized at Holy Name of Jesus Church.
5. Second does of MMR.
6. Child must be 4 by October 1st.

To insure the Health and Safety of all children at Holy Name School, only those students who have obtained the above will be allowed entrance into the school at the beginning of the 2011 – 2012 school year. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.



LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY

Pre-K MORNING SESSION begins promptly at 7:45 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. **On time arrival and dismissal is imperative in order to avoid congestion in the parking area.**

LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR

Pre-K will coincide with the Henderson County Public School System's calendar.

DRESS CODE

Pre-Kindergarteners are required to wear uniforms. **We do ask that an extra set of clothes be sent each day with your child.** All clothing should be labeled. Belts will not be required of students in Pre-K. Please read the Holy Name Student's Handbook for uniform requirements.

SNACKS

Milk or juice will be provided by the school at no charge. Parents need to provide a nutritious snack for his or her child each day. This may include fruits, raw vegetables, crackers, chips, etc. Please **NO** candy or drinks. Cookies and cakes are fine **OCCASIONALLY** but not every day.

PARTIES

Information concerning class parties will be given to room mothers at the beginning of each school year. Room mothers will then pass the information on to you.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthday celebrations are welcomed and encouraged in our Pre-K. Treats are welcome, but they **must be store bought or from a bakery.**

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held in October. Progress Reports will be sent home twice a year—once in December and then the final one in May.

SUPPLY LIST

Please refer to the supply list that was handed out with the registration forms. Please have your child prepared with supplies by the end of the first week of school.

LABELS

Children's names should be on all supplies, inside of clothes, and on backpacks.

SHOW AND TELL

Four year olds only will bring a Show and Tell Bag home when it is their turn to share their treasures with the class.



SEPARATION

TIPS FOR PARENTS

1. As the beginning of the Pre-K approaches, be low-key and matter-of-fact with your child about the first day of school. Over stimulating the child with lots of exciting talk about school can actually increase his/her anxiety.
2. Always say good-bye to your child, don't sneak away once they are busy with an activity.
3. Tell your child, "I'll be back after you play a while and have a snack, and then we will go home together and eat lunch." Please do not prolong your good-byes, as this will only make leaving harder for you and your child.
4. Mixed feelings about your child's first day are normal. You may feel like crying even though you are excited about this big step.
5. Some children separate easily and barely have the need for a quick hug and "good-bye".
6. Delayed reactions occur sometimes when, after an apparently easy separation, the child realizes that this is a regular routine. He/she may balk at going to school, but try to handle it in a firm, positive manner. Letting him/her stay home will only prolong the problem.
7. Often a child will adjust by the third day of the week at school, say Wednesday-Friday class, but after four days at home will be reluctant to come back on the next Wednesday. This will eventually work itself out when the child becomes accustomed to the routine.

PRAYERS

SIGN OF CROSS

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

GLORY TO THE FATHER

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

Good Morning, Dear Jesus! This day is for you, so I ask you to bless all that I think, say, and do. Amen.

SNACK PRAYER

Thank you, Dear Jesus, for our snack today. We love You. Amen.

