**St. Theodore School**

**Preschool and Pre K Curriculum**

**Faith Formation: Each child will show an awareness of Catholic faith by…**

* Learning the sign of the cross
* Learning basic prayers such as Hail Mary and The Prayer Before Meals
* Reciting daily prayers
* Introducing Bible stories
* Participating in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**Social/Emotional Formation: Each child will be encouraged to…**

* Express feelings & ideas appropriately
* Increase knowledge of positive conflict resolution
* Interact appropriately with familiar peers and adults
* Take care of classroom materials
* Utilize manners
* Take care of personal/self-help skills
* Increase problem solving skills

**Language/Literacy Formation: Each child will be introduced to…**

* Handwriting Without Tears
* Letters (upper/lower case/beginning sounds)
* Recognizing first name in print
* Spelling first name with/without visual cues
* Retelling stories read aloud
* Making personal connections to stories read aloud
* Sequencing
* Writing using scribbles, dictation, words and pictures
* A variety of literature
* Matching
* Comparing
* Group discussions
* Positional words

**Mathematical Formation: Each child will be introduced to…**

* Growing With Math
* Colors
* Shapes
* Counting 1-20
* Number recognition 1-10
* One to one correspondence
* Sorting
* Patterning
* Matching
* Problem solving
* Comparison (bigger/smaller, short/tall, etc.)

**Art/Sensory Formation: Each child will be introduced to…**

* Daily art activities
* A variety of art mediums
* Messy play (play-doh, shaving cream, etc.)

**Fine Motor Formation: Each child will be introduced to…**

* Daily activities that will strengthen small hand muscles and help develop hand-eye coordination
* Proper way to hold scissors; cutting activities
* Proper way to hold writing tools
* Copying/tracing/writing own first name
* Puzzles and other manipulative
* Scribbling/writing/drawing letters, numbers, words, shapes, pictures

**Gross Motor Formation: Each child will be introduced to…**

* Daily movement that will strengthen large muscles
* Throwing/catching/bouncing a variety of sizes of balls
* Climbing stairs
* Running, skipping, hopping, galloping

**Creative Movement: Each child will be introduced to…**

* Daily music
* Finger plays
* Rhymes
* Group games

**Science/Social Studies: Each child will be introduced to…**

* Cause and effect
* Encouraging observation & investigation of the natural world
* Weather effects on living things
* Family traditions
* Health & safety