



Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls

Pre-K 3

At Catholic Academy our three-day Pre-K3 program works on developing thinking skills and the understanding of basic concepts through play. To provide consistency and establish a routine the program runs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with enrichment days on Tuesday and Thursday. It is our goal to strength a child's social and emotional development to prepare him/her for their continued education.

Mission Statement

Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls is a faith- building community of administrators, teachers, staff, and families dedicated to providing a faith- based education, while fostering spirituality and academic excellence in a Christian community.

Philosophy

We believe it is our responsibility to assist families in the education and growth of their children academically, spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Our approach to education is to empower each child to make responsible and appropriate decisions, perform to the best of their ability in all endeavors, and gain the confidence and knowledge for success in the next stage of their education.

Goals

- To help each child be an enthusiastic learner who develops a love of learning
- To ensure that each child is cared for in a safe, clean environment
- To provide each child the opportunity to become independent, self confident, inquisitive thinkers
- To instill a sense of self esteem, positive attitude, and good habits in every child
- To provide opportunities for independent exploration in a structured learning environment

Self Care

- following proper toileting skills
- properly dressing and undressing for outdoor play including hat, coat, shoes/ boots
- how/when to inform adults when needs are not met

Social skills

- socializing with children and adults
- saying "please" and "thank-you"
- waiting for their turn
- taking responsibility for their actions
- showing others respect
- taking care of personal belongings
- cooperating with others
- sharing

Communication

- answering questions when asked
- following simple directions
- expressing thoughts, ideas and concerns
- interacting with others
- joining in on conversations
- introducing the importance of the written word
- recognizing own written name

Cognitive Development

- classifying, comparing and measuring objects
- counting
- exploring relationships between objects
- using manipulatives to sort by attribute, such as color, size and shape
- understanding one-to-one correspondence

Physical Development

Gross motor

- jumping
- climbing
- throwing
- catching

Fine motor

- using peg board
- manipulating small objects
- drawing
- play dough
- coloring
- cutting
- pasting

Curriculum

Religion

- Promote respect for each other and God's planet
- Child friendly prayers
- Sign of the cross
- Being thankful to God
- The Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

Math and Science

- calendar (days, months, year)
- weather and seasons
- colors
- shapes and sizes
- number recognition 1 to 10
- graphing
- patterning
- plants and animals
- 5 Senses

English Language Arts

- name recognition
- introduction to alphabet
- left to right progression
- rhyming
- repetitive sounds
- reading aloud
- poetry
- storytelling
- dramatic play
- printed words

Music and gym are held out of the classroom and are an integral part of the regular curriculum.

Enrichment days are expanded coverage of the week's lessons and extra practices in the skills being developed.