



St. Joseph Parish School

K3 Program

Full-Day: 3-5 days per week, 8:15am–3:15pm

Morning Half-Day: 3 to 5 days per week, 8:15am-11:35am

At St. Joseph Parish School, our K3 Program offers a secure, loving, Catholic environment where a child can develop intellectually, spiritually, physically, socially and emotionally through a hands-on curriculum. The growth and development of every child is encouraged in active learning through exploration.

Curriculum: Introduction to the alphabet and numbers, learning centers, and small and large group instruction.

Development of fine and gross motor skills: Cutting with scissors, coloring, tracing, matching and spatial awareness, movement yoga and games.

Religion: Bible stories & songs of praise, weekly Mass or prayer service, learning the Sign of the Cross and simple prayers. Celebration of Catholic traditions and holidays.

Language Arts: Interaction with literature through a variety of fiction and non-fiction books, library time, and handwriting.

Math: Patterning, counting, sorting, classifying, sequencing, measuring and graphing.

Science: Experiment based learning and investigation of animals, people, nature, the human body, and physical science.

Crafts/Art: Vary by topic or holiday and promote the development of fine motor skills and creativity. Introduction to different writing tools.

Social Development: Emphasis on good manners, independence, listening to others. Emotional learning using *A Little Spot of Emotion* curriculum.

Circle Time: Star of the Week, weather calendar, classroom job assignments, letter and color of the week, show-n-tell.

Special Activities: Grandparents Day, Pet Blessing, field trips, themed dress down spirit days, birthday celebrations and school concerts.

Meals & Snacks: Students can bring in a snack. Lunch can be brought from home or purchased hot from our lunchroom.





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Per the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, our curriculum is based on the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS). St. Joseph Parish School provides a balanced, hands-on approach, as your child learns through play. We incorporate an introduction of the alphabet and numbers, as well as other basic classroom skills such as listening and taking turns.

Goals:

- Provide positive learning experiences
- Use our faith to guide us in all we do
- Promote exploration and curiosity
- Develop social-emotional skills
- Offer both fine & gross motor activities
- Foster a community of early learners

Typical Daily Schedule:

8:15-8:30: unpack/prayer/announcements

8:30-8:45: calendar/morning message/weather/song

8:45-9:15: rotation of whole group instruction, library, music, art (varies by day)

9:15-9:30: snack, bathroom break

9:30-11:00: rotation of centers, gym time (varies by day)

11:00-11:30: story time, playtime, and cleanup, 1/2-day dismissal

11:30-12:20: lunch, recess, bathroom break

Full Day schedule continues with naptime, additional recess, and Choice Time.

Our K3 students benefit from all our K-8 school has to offer:

- Mass, schoolwide prayer, liturgical calendar celebrations
- Specials: Library, Physical Education, Art, and Music
- Access to our gymnasium and outdoor playground
- Field Trips with other SJPS classes
- Before & After School On-Site Extended Care
- Invitations to school events such as Family Fun Night and Grandparents Day
- Smartboards integrated technology
- Christmas and spring concerts
- Substantial cost savings when compared to daycare rates

