



St. Joseph Parish School

K4 Program

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

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

In our K4 program, children develop skills through hands-on experiences in child-focused learning centers. Children are secure in the alphabet and numbers (1-100) in order to be fully prepared for Kindergarten. Our K4 program offers a secure, loving, Christian environment where every child is encouraged in active learning through exploration.

Development of fine and gross motor skills: reinforcement of cutting, coloring, tracing, matching and spatial awareness skills; movement games and Physical Education.

Religion: weekly Mass, learning simple prayers, songs and bible stories, and celebrations of Catholic traditions and holidays.

Language Arts: development of phonemic awareness, learn letter names and sounds and begin forming written words, recognize rhyming words, use sound-letter awareness to read and write simple words phonetically.

Math: count, identify and write numbers, begin to estimate, compare and sort objects, complete simple patterns, begin to use non-standard tools for measurement and addition & subtraction.

Science: thematic units using hands-on learning, observing plants and insects, exploring rocks and minerals.

Crafts/Art: vary by topic or holiday and promote the development of fine motor skills and creativity.

Social Development: emphasis on collaboration, community building and critical thinking skills, manners, listening to others and regular “buddy activities” with Elementary and Middle School students.

Special Activities: Grandparents Day, Pet Blessing, field trips, themed dress down spirit days, birthday celebrations, holiday celebrations & Star of the Week.

Meals & Snacks: Students can bring in a snack. Lunch can be brought from home or purchased hot from our lunchroom. Bathroom breaks and handwashing are encouraged throughout the day.





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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 developmentally appropriate experiences and activities that fit the child's stage of growth. Our K4 program addresses the academic needs of a traditional kindergarten curriculum at a more enriched and relaxed pace while providing opportunities that support social and emotional growth, and independence.

Typical Daily Schedule:

8:15-8:35: arrival, morning announcements, all-school prayer, lunch count, attendance

8:35-9:15: calendar, songs, stories, assign jobs, bathroom break, handwriting

9:15-9:45: SPECIALS

9:45-10:10: snack

10:10-11:00: language arts/religion—whole group centers

11:00-11:15: songs, movement, free time, clean up, pack up for lunch or 1/2 day dismissal

11:20-12:10: lunch & recess

12:15-1:00: bathroom break, quiet time, educational video

1:00-2:00: afternoon extension activity or whole group reinforcement

2:00-2:15: recess

2:15-3:00: snack, free play, stories, finish up work

3:00-3:15: clean up, song, get ready to go home, prayer, dismissal



Our K4 students benefit from all our K-8 school has to offer:

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

