

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

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## PK3 (3 year olds) YEAR AT A GLANCE

The mission at St. John's Episcopal School is for each child to grow in maturity, knowledge, and in spirit. Our goal is to foster positive self esteem through engaging learning experiences. St. John's small class size enables faculty to focus on each child and meet his or her individual needs.

The separated EPK (Early Pre-Kindergarten) Building is organized to allow for easy movement from group learning activities into independent play areas. The creatively designed area gives St. John's youngest students a sheltered, safe place to become accustomed to life away from home. Physical separation from the older students ensures quiet rest time and safe play areas that are designed specifically for their age level.

### **Language Arts / Reading**

- Thematic units are used throughout the year
- Oral language, phonological awareness, letter knowledge and concepts of environmental print
- Recognizing own name in print
- Identifying letters of the alphabet
- Introduction to language skills and increase vocabulary to prepare for literacy

### **Mathematics / Science**

- Within the thematic units basic math and science concepts are covered
- Mastering basic shapes and colors
- Identifying numbers 1-10 in English and Spanish
- Beginning to order and sequence events
- Identify and sort the seasons and weather
- Sort objects by attributes

### **Motor Skills**

- Growth in physical and motor skills to help reinforce each child's development
- Practicing holding pencil, crayon and scissors correctly
- Exhibiting healthy behaviors and body coordination

### **Social / Emotional Skills**

- Increase attention and focus in group lessons and staying focused for a 15 minute lesson
- Playing cooperatively in a small or large group
- Reinforcing responsible behavior in social situations
- Using the five senses
- Expressing emotion with music, dance and drama
- Reinforcing citizenship skills
- Recite Pledge of Allegiance
- Follows simple rules and routines

### **Enrichments**

- Music, Spanish, P.E., Technology, Godly Play and Library

### **Religion**

- Attend Chapel three days a week (Tuesday and Wednesday Praise and Worship, Thursday for a Class Lead Chapel)
- Lead Praise and Worship Sessions and Class Lead Chapel
- The students also learn Bible stories in the classroom to promote Christian character

St. John's Episcopal School strives to instill within our students a healthy love and desire for learning. Helping each child make a successful transition from home into the educational environment is an important goal of our PK3 program.