



GOOD SHEPHERD
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH • EDUCATION • SERVICE • RESPECT

PRESCHOOL

3-year-old & 4-year-old programs



THEMATIC UNITS

- Manners
- Family
- Farm/Zoo Animals
- KY--Our Bluegrass State: History and Present
- Music: Instruments/Genres
- Feelings/All about Me
- Weather/ Seasons/Holidays
- Anatomy/Health/Fitness
- Nutrition: Fruits/Vegetables/Food Tastings
- Aquatic: Ocean Life with Animals & Plant Life
- Identifying and Understanding our Community Helpers



The goal of the Good Shepherd Catholic School three and four-year-old program is to provide a wonderful beginning to a child's education. Good Shepherd Preschool offers a structured learning environment in a Christ-centered atmosphere.

In this program, the children will be working on social and emotional skills through classroom activities, circle time, dramatic play, and individual work with teachers. Students will also be concentrating on fine motor skills (getting those fingers and hands working!), gross motor skills (jumping, running), listening, and understanding daily school routines (morning meeting, circle time, specials, and school functions).

Your child will be involved in learning with a hands-on approach through daily lessons in art, writing, math, singing, dancing, and playing all while developing self-confidence in their abilities and their accomplishments! We will also be working together as a class to become aware of our feelings, strengths, and interests. The year will be full of creative activities and exciting moments!

LEARNING CENTERS

Throughout the year, we use a variety of learning centers that help the students interact socially and develop skills in cooperation and independence.

- Library/Listening/iPad Center
- House/Dramatic Play/Cultural Lessons
- Nature/Life Science/ Math
- Puzzles/Fine Motor
- Blocks/Manipulatives
- Sand/Water Sensory Learning
- Art/Creativity Center

HANDWRITING

We use the *Handwriting Without Tears* curriculum. *Handwriting Without Tears* uses tactile techniques and tools to introduce and teach the letters of the alphabet. The students are not just engaged in paper & pencil writing. They use songs, chalkboards, wood pieces, play-dough, magnets, and body movement to help them learn the correct line form to write each letter of the alphabet. The program uses a developmentally appropriate teaching order to learn how to write or form the uppercase letters of the alphabet.

We incorporate a Classical curriculum rich with beautiful classic books. The curriculum is age-appropriate, quality content, and has well prioritized objectives.



SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Our Science and Social Studies curriculum is theme-based. We use a variety of materials, including literature, manipulatives, and visual aids when teaching. We also integrate Science and Social Studies with other subject areas, including language arts and math.



MATHEMATICS

We use the *Handwriting Without Tears Mathematics* curriculum. The mathematics curriculum helps children learn and understand the concepts of math by manipulating concrete materials. This work gives children a solid understanding of basic mathematical principles, prepares them for later abstract reasoning, and helps to develop problem-solving capabilities.

RELIGION

We use the *Stories of God's Love* religion series. The series is a scripture-based approach that presents the Bible as the source for learning about God. Old and New Testament Bible stories are read and are then followed with a related real-life story. We use both music and prayer to actively engage and motivate students to learn more about their faith.

ENRICHMENTS

- Music Class
- Technology Time
- Physical Education Class