

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry

Curriculum Goals

Infant Classroom Curriculum Goals

- Language** > Verbal responsive interaction, oral language
- Social/Emotional** > Emotionally secure environment, feelings acknowledged, physical interactions
- Motor/Physical** > Gross motor skills, eye-hand coordination, balance, grasping, rolling, pulling up, senses
- Spiritual** > Introduction to basic Bible stories and songs, loved child of God
- Math** > Begin nesting and sorting skills, cause and effect relationships, one to one correspondence
- Art** > Sensory experiences
- Music** > Songs, rhythm and movement, finger plays
- Outdoor Play** > Weather permitting, daily experience the outdoors (Bye-bye Buggy rides, blankets under the trees)

Toddler Classroom Curriculum Goals

- Language** > Listening skills, vocabulary building, oral language, verbalize wants and needs, imitation
- Social/Emotional** > Sharing, self-control, expression of feelings, empathy, independence, take turns
- Motor/Physical** > Refine gross motor skills, balance, running, jumping, climbing, tumbling, eye-hand coordination
- Spiritual** > Introduction to basic Bible stories and songs, weekly chapel, all children are loved by God
- Math** > Counting objects, sizes, shapes, cause and effect, space, table top manipulatives
- Art** > Experience with different textures, colors, and art mediums
- Music & Drama** > Songs, rhythm and movement, finger plays
- Outdoor Play** > Daily outdoor play with age appropriate equipment and toys to enhance physical development

Two-Year-Old Curriculum Goals

- Language** > Listening skills, vocabulary building, oral language, identify words and objects
- Social/Emotional** > Sharing, cooperation, taking turns, independence, assuming small responsibilities
- Motor/Physical** > Balance, running, climbing, ball activities, eye-hand coordination, simple games, self-help skills
- Spiritual** > Introduction of basic Bible stories and songs, weekly chapel, all children are loved by God
- Math** > Counting objects, sizes, shapes, cause and effect, relationships, table top manipulatives
- Art** > Experience with different textures, colors, and art mediums
- Music & Drama** > Songs, movement, records, tapes, instruments, self expression, dramatic play
- Science** > Plants, animals, properties of sand and water
- Outdoor Play** > Daily outdoor play with age appropriate equipment and toys to enhance physical development

Three-Year-Old Curriculum Goals

- Language** > Vocabulary building, oral language, story telling, recall, using words to express feelings
- Reading Readiness** > Recognition of upper/lower case letters, name recognition, handwriting skills
- Social/Emotional** > Sharing, cooperation, taking turns, independence, assuming small responsibilities
- Motor/Physical** > Catching, throwing, ball activities, fine motor development, eye-hand coordination, block building, games, puzzles, refine senses, self-help skills
- Spiritual** > Weekly "Scripture Bites" Bible curriculum, songs, weekly chapel, all children are loved by God
- Math** > Counting objects, one to one correspondence, sequencing, comparisons, table top manipulatives
- Art** > Experience with different textures, colors, and art mediums
- Music & Drama** > Songs, movement, records, tapes, instruments, self expression, dramatic play
- Science** > Plants, animals, seasons, sand and water play, nutrition, cooking
- Social Studies** > Community, family, transportation, health, safety
- Outdoor Play** > Daily outdoor play with age appropriate equipment and toys to enhance physical development
- Computer** > Computer readiness, educational games

Four and Five Year Old Curriculum Goals (Pre-K)

- Language** > Vocabulary expansion, use of complete sentences, use of correct grammar
- Reading Readiness** > Recognition of upper/lower case letters, name recognition, handwriting skills, rhyming words, phonics
- Social/Emotional** > Sharing, cooperation, independence, responsibilities, leadership, appropriate choices, positive conflict resolution and problem solving
- Motor/Physical** > Balance, skipping, tumbling, catching, throwing, ball activities, creative movement, water play, puzzles, block building, self-help skills
- Spiritual** > Weekly "Scripture Bites" Bible curriculum, songs, weekly chapel, all children are loved by God
- Math** > Numerical recognition, sequencing, grouping, sets, terms, measurements, time, spatial relationships
- Art** > Experience with different textures, colors, art mediums, and crafts
- Music and Drama** > Songs, tone, volume, instruments, poetry, self expression, dance, dramatic play
- Science** > Weather, seasons, conservation, energy, living things, nutrition, cooking
- Social Studies** > Community, family, school, careers, health, safety, Texas, dinosaurs
- Outdoor Play** > Daily outdoor play with age appropriate equipment and toys to enhance physical development
- Computer** > Math and language development games, word processing