



JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

Play

Perhaps most importantly for four-year-olds, play is a vital part of our Jr. Kindergarten curriculum! Play is the work of the child, and we strive to encourage creativity and a sense of wonder through play. Morning and afternoon recess as well as circle time, center time, songs, and picture book read aloud time provide ample opportunities for our Jr. K students to learn through play and hone their social skills with peers.

Religion

Jr. Kindergarten studies virtues through the [Virtues in Practice](#) curriculum and learns about the liturgical year, saints, Bible stories, and more through hands-on activities in the [Catholic ABCs Curriculum](#) and reading [My Catholic Picture Bible Stories](#) following the Great Adventure Bible timeline.

English Language Arts

Students in Jr. K are expected to master recognition of both uppercase and lowercase letters and will be exposed to proper letter formation by the end of the year through [fun alphabet crafts](#), poems, songs, and [handwriting practice](#). They are exposed to proper articulation of letter sounds using a [Science of Reading approach](#) to prepare them for learning to read in Kindergarten. In class only, we also build phonemic awareness by using some of the activities featuring Ziggy the Zebra in [All About Reading's Pre-Reading Program](#).

Mathematics

Through short and playful lessons, activities, and games, students learn numbers 1-10, shapes, patterns, and introductory number comparisons using [Preschool Math Made Fun](#). Simple math worksheets prepare Jr. Kindergarteners for using workbooks in Kindergarten math.

