



# Christ Episcopal School

## Pre-K 3

### Overview

Pre-K3 is unique: the first year of your child's school life. It is the beginning of Christ Episcopal School's early childhood program, and we believe in good beginnings! Learning at this stage of a child's development is accomplished through social and play activities, directed by a caring and nurturing teacher. A major emphasis of our program is helping students develop strong moral values, respect for others, a happy and confident sense of self, and the ability to exhibit self-control. This is a time when children learn to interact and relate with their peers, and we believe it is of the utmost importance to make this a positive experience. Learning is presented through centers, hands-on experiences, and group play.

*Concepts and activities include but are not limited to the following:*

#### Language Arts

- Socialization skills
- Following oral directions
- Development of listening skills
- Stories, poems, and nursery rhymes
- First name recognition
- Listening comprehension
- Exposure to good children's literature
- Recognize rhyming words
- Retell stories
- Understand thematic vocabulary



#### Pre-Writing

- Hold writing tools
- Draw simple shapes
- Trace a line, weekly letters and numbers, and first name

#### Math

- Oral recitation of numbers, 1-10
- Number recognition, 1-10
- Sets: match objects in one-to-one correspondence
- Sorting by groups
- Understanding of weight
  - Puzzles
  - Sort by size and color
  - Touch and count
  - More and less
  - Position words-top, bottom, right, left
  - Introduce simple addition
  - Recognize simple patterns



#### Science

- Recognize the signs of the seasons; name the seasons
- Introduce the five senses: taste, touch, sight, hearing, and smell
- Temperature
- Weather conditions: sunny, cloudy, overcast, rainy, etc.
- Seashells
- Introduce plant life
- Animal hibernation, adaptation, and habitats
- Location of human body parts and systems
- Day and night
- Light and shadows
- Water cycle
- Sink and float
- Dinosaurs
- Recycling
- Healthy Bodies



#### Social Studies

- Community helpers
- American and Christian holidays and customs
- Introduce Native American culture: tribes, teepees, Indian corn, clothing, headbands, jewelry, instruments
- Introduce coins and currency
- "Texas" culture
- Famous people
- Biblical people



# Pre-K 3 Overview continued

## **Social Studies** continued:

- Community events
- Make friends
- Follow classroom rules
- Transportation
- Introduce the Pledge of Allegiance

**Physical Education**—Students have physical education with an instructor each day. Physical education is also a by-product of the music, art, and creative play activities that occur throughout each day.

- Hop on one foot
  - Balance
  - Kick a ball
  - Play simple games
  - Run laps, stretch, and jumping jacks
  - Eye-hand coordination activities
  - Learn playground safety
  - Gross motor coordination activities



**Art**—Art is experienced daily as children go about their learning activities in different centers.

- Color recognition
- Tissue paper art
- Sponge painting
- Yarn projects
- Play dough
- Color, cut, and glue
- Plant rubbings
- Finger paints
- Use stencils and stamps
- Contribute to class mural
- Experience and recognize various textures
- Cutting a straight line
- Cutting various shapes



## **Music**



Like art, music is experienced throughout the day as children sing songs about the things they are studying and discussing, do finger plays, play rhythm instruments, and listen to recordings.

## **Computer Technology**

- Use software programs
- Practice age-appropriate keyboarding and mouse usage
- Follow basic oral and pictorial cues from software programs

## **Library**

- Develop appreciation for books and literature by introducing a variety of high-interest topics in an array of genres.
- Correlate classroom instruction/centers with quality children's literature.
- Introduce the current year's Texas 2X2 books for young readers and provide a chart for tracking books read.
- Promote book care at school and at home.
- Learn check-out procedures.

**Christian Education**—Christianity and its moral precepts are incorporated into the daily life of students and teachers at Christ Episcopal School. Teachers read a daily Bible story and lead the children in prayers before snacks and meals.

On Wednesdays, students participate in a Chapel service, held in the sanctuary of Christ Church.

