



St. Joseph of Cupertino Preschool

Home of the Junior Jaguars

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Junior Jaguar Preschool Curriculum Overview

The St. Joseph of Cupertino Junior Jaguar Preschool Program has adopted the Houghton Mifflin Pre-K curriculum. This series is a comprehensive curriculum that includes Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, Fine Arts and Health and Safety. Within each component, there are activities that help to develop the cognitive, social/emotional, and physical abilities of the children. We utilize the Handwriting Without Tears program for writing. The primary focus is proper hand grip while exposure and practice with writing letters and numbers. We use the "I Am Special" Religion curriculum from Our Sunday Visitor which will develop the children spiritually. Religion will be approached simply and in the context of the child's life.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

The children will:

- learn about God's love for them
- develop a natural curiosity and wonder about God and the world
- demonstrate attitudes of love and respect for self and others
- learn and practice prayers and songs

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

The children will:

- utilize play so that they can order, generalize and interpret experiences
- utilize thinking skills and process information
- begin to understand the symbolic relationship between written and spoken forms of communication
- show increasing ability to reason logically or use strategies to solve challenging problems
- demonstrate competence in real-life mathematical concepts including number sense, shapes, time, classification, measurement and patterning.
- demonstrate emerging literacy skills including an interest in books, songs and stories, awareness of letter symbols, words in the environment and their relationship to sound, emerging writing, concepts of print and phonological awareness

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The children will:

- learn to be responsible for their behavior and classroom materials
- participate in large and small group activities
- begin to develop relationships with others and be aware of others' feelings and needs
- show an increasing awareness of his/her own physical characteristics, preferences and experiences.
- be able to recognize and take pride in his/her own skills and accomplishments
- build cooperative relationships with adults
- develop the ability to share with others and take turns
- develop a positive self image
- be able to use language to communicate and express his/herself

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The children will:

- refine the ability to move in a coordinated way (gross motor movements)
- refine the ability to plan and coordinate the use of grasp, release, strength and control of fingers and hands for functional and play activities (fine motor skills)
- show increasing independence in performing personal care routines and self help skills that support healthy growth and prevent the spread of infection