

## **AREAS OF CONCENTRATION FOR 3 YEAR OLDS:**

**Children learn by doing! That is why the Precious Blood Preschool believes in educating children through play and hands-on experiences. Play is essential to children being able to navigate their world. Children want to learn when it is presented to them in a fun, exciting way.**

- \* Socializing and interacting with other children the same age through role play, dramatic play, and puppetry.
- \* Practicing self-help skills such as hand washing, taking off and putting on shoes, buttoning, cleaning up after one's self, etc.
- \* Creating art with little help from an adult using crayons, markers, glue, scissors, paints, etc.
- \* Practicing fine motor skills such as sorting, sewing, cutting, tearing, tracing, counting, matching, etc.
- \* Learning how to handle one's self in different situations.
- \* Learning how to deal with emotions and then how to communicate those feelings with other children and adults.
- \* Separating from parents with undue stress.
- \* Being exposed to letters, numbers, shapes, and colors.
- \* Retaining information by repetition while clapping hands, stomping feet, etc.
- \* Practicing large motor skills such as hopping, floor mat activities, use of balls and bean bags.
- \* Following simple directions

**Children need to learn these basic skills in order to make moving into the next level of learning a smooth transition.**