

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION FOR PRE-K PROGRAM:

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 skipping, hopping, floor mat activities, use of balls and bean bags.
- * Following directions
- * Holding a pencil correctly in order to print name
- * Comparing and contrasting items (Which is bigger? Which has more?)
- * Practicing language skills through recognition of rhyming words, matching beginning sounds and predicting outcomes of a story
- * Recalling details of a picture

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