Academics - Kindergarten

The kindergarten program at SFA strives to create a warm, positive, and caring environment for our students. Each child that comes to us is unique and special, and should feel safe, comfortable, and successful. Academic growth is important, as well as social, emotional, and spiritual growth. Since young children learn in many ways (oral, visual, tactile, etc.) a variety of activities are used to encompass all of these.

Language Arts

Reading

- Purpose (enjoyment, information, research)
- Genres (fiction, nonfiction, poetry)
- Upper/lower case letters
- Phonics (sound/letter association, beginning, middle, and ending sound
- Phonological awareness (phonemes, rhymes, word families, syllables)
- Sight word development
- Comprehension strategies (prior knowledge, predictions, visualization, questions, connections, retelling)
- Time Magazine for Kids

Writing

- Proper word spacing
- Whole group composition
- Beginning, middle, end of composition
- Story publication
- Types of writing (lists, levels, narrative)
- Punctuation, capitalization
- Journal writing

Mathematics

- Shapes
- Number recognition
- Rote counting
- Patterning
- Graphing
- Sorting/classifying
- More/less/equal
- Telling time
- Money
- Simple addition and subtraction
- Counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's

Social Studies

- Recognize U.S. symbols (flag, Statue of Liberty, etc.)
- Recite the Pledge of Allegiance
- Authority figures in home, school, and community
- Respect for others, their belongings, and their space
- Recognize similarities and differences in people and places
- Basic personal information (address, phone number, birth date, first, middle, last name)

Science

- All About Me
- Nutrition
- Seasons and weather
- Plants
- Life cycles
- Animals (basic needs, stages of growth, habitats)

Religion

- Bible stories and related activities
- Prayers (Hail Mary, Our Father, etc.)
- Participation in Mass
- Archdiocesan Good Touch/Bad Touch program

Technology

- Earobics program
- Logging into the computer
- Learn basic keyboarding
- Use of the mouse
- Internet Safety Program - I-Safe