



Saint Francis School

Preschool Curriculum Goals



Saint Francis School Preschool Curriculum is an integrated, play-based program where the teacher serves as a guide and facilitator, creating an environment of harmony, exploration, and socialization. Learning takes place through play, ensuring that children develop essential skills while enjoying fun, age-appropriate experiences. The program also incorporates a dual language approach, fostering bilingual communication and cultural awareness from an early age.

1. Social Development

- Foster cooperative play, sharing, and respect for others.
- Encourage empathy, kindness, and problem-solving in peer interactions.
- Build confidence in group settings through structured and **play-based bilingual activities**.
- Promote responsibility and independence during play and daily routines.

2. Motor Development

- Strengthen **fine motor skills** through playful tasks such as drawing, painting, building, and using manipulatives.
- Enhance **gross motor skills** through outdoor games, movement activities, and rhythm-based play.
- Develop body awareness, balance, and coordination in active, engaging play settings.

3. Linguistic Development (Bilingual Program)

- Expand vocabulary and oral communication in **both languages** through storytelling, songs, role-play, and group games.
- Foster pre-literacy skills with bilingual phonics, rhymes, and letter recognition activities.
- Encourage listening comprehension and creative expression in both structured lessons and free play.
- Promote respect for cultural diversity and linguistic richness through age-appropriate bilingual exposure.

4. Physical Development

- Encourage healthy habits through playful routines in nutrition, hygiene, and safety.
- Provide daily opportunities for **active play** that build strength, coordination, and overall well-being.
- Promote independence in self-care through guided practice embedded in play.

5. Cognitive Development

- Introduce **basic arithmetic concepts** like counting, sorting, and pattern recognition through games and hands-on play.
- Develop observation, curiosity, and experimentation through playful science and discovery activities.
- Strengthen problem-solving and logical thinking through building, puzzles, and creative play.
- Encourage imagination and creativity through art, music, and dramatic play centers.

6. Integrated Play-Based & Bilingual Learning Approach

- Ensure all core skills—reading readiness, numeracy, science, and the arts—are introduced through **fun, interactive, bilingual play**.
- Provide a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where play is the natural pathway to learning.
- Encourage active participation, discovery, and self-expression while supporting language development in **two languages**.
- Build a foundation for future academic success and global citizenship through bilingual communication and cultural understanding.

