

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

Transitional Kindergarten Core Curriculum Key Concepts

Transitional Kindergarten uses a modified developmentally appropriate kindergarten curriculum that serves as a bridge between preschool and kindergarten to ensure kindergarten readiness. The curriculum is integrated to allow students to build on their strengths and interests while also making connections across the curriculum. Whole class and small group instruction provides students with differentiated learning support. Throughout the day students engage in play-based activities and learning centers, which include dramatic play, art, language, literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, religion and technology. Students will develop not only cognitive skills, but also social, emotional, and physical skills as well.

Language Arts: Happily Ever After, Zaner-Bloser

Happily Ever After is a reading readiness program using children's literature. It provides the necessary foundation for students to begin reading instruction with the Superkids Reading Program in kindergarten. The program uses classic stories of children's literature including *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, etc. Curriculum highlights include:

- Development of language and vocabulary
- Fine motor skills
- Direction-following skills
- Listening skills

Math: McGraw Hill, My Math Pre-K

My Math Pre-K has been designed as a foundation for the Kindergarten Common Core State Standards. The Mathematical Practices are embedded throughout the curriculum. Students will explore mathematical skills and concepts through

literature, communication, and application. The program includes circle time, center activities, and hands-on experiences for conceptual development. Students will explore the following topics:

- Attributes
- Sorting and Classifying
- Position and Direction
- Shapes
- Numbers 0-10
- Patterns
- Measurement
- Data and Graphs
- Adding and Subtracting

Religion: I Am Special 5th Edition, Revised, Joan Ensor Plum and Paul S. Plum

This religious education program is designed help children explore, discover, and learn more about themselves, relationships with others, and about God's creations. This program will help children learn more about their Catholic faith by helping:

- To develop positive attitudes about themselves, their family, and friends by discovering and learning more about the many gifts, talents, and abilities that God has provided
- To increase their knowledge about God and friendship with Jesus
- To increase their knowledge about and participation in the Church's liturgical seasons
- To increase their knowledge and practice of Christian action toward others such as taking turns, listening, helping, waiting, caring, sharing, loving, and thanking others
- To increase their appreciation and celebration of God's love and goodness through Scripture, music, and prayer