



## Pre-K Profile

Classes Available	Two Classes Available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday - Friday - all day 2016-17 School Year</li><li>Monday, Wednesday, Friday - all day 2016-2017 School Year</li></ul>
Teachers	Mrs. Vanessa Do, Lead Instructor five-Day program Ms. Ashten Waldrep, Lead Instructor three-day program Ms. Daisy Flores, aide
Class Size	Maximum 22 students
Student Testing	Pre-K students wishing to enter St. Joseph will be given a brief and stress-free screening by our Pre-K teacher or Assistant Principal, to determine if the child has the emotional and developmental tools necessary to thrive in our program.
Teacher Notes	Both the five-day and three-day Pre-K programs at SJCS are structured, academic and social programs. Each classroom has Promethean boards, class computers, and access to iPads that are used on a regular basis to enrich your child's learning. We not only learn how to be 'students': how to walk in a line, raise our hand, not interrupt when teacher is speaking, making and being friends, and other basic school skills; we prepare the children to be successful readers and writers in kindergarten. The most important part of our academic and social program is incorporating God in all our work and play.
Core Curriculum	We teach the core subjects in innovative and creative ways. We learn pre-reading skills by exposing students to Latin and Greek Roots. We also focus on learning all the upper and lower case letters of the alphabet along with sound association. We work on understanding that print carries a message. We introduce sight words and journal writing. In math we count as high as possible (depending on the individual student) and identify numbers 1-10 (most of our students go beyond this level). We work on number association, matching, graphs, measurement, bigger than, smaller than, same as, equal to, patterns, how many in a group, knowing age, calendar, time, money, and understanding that numbers are used in daily life. We also cover many science topics including but not limited to plant and butterfly life cycles, the solar system, and states of matter.



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Religion	In everything, we talk about God, His love for us, and for everything around us. We learn the mealtime prayer and the sign of the cross. Each day begins and ends in prayer. We celebrate and discuss the Catholic Christmas and Easter celebrations and meanings. Children learn about the Holy Family. We talk about Jesus' birth and death and the resurrection and why He died for us. Our children will learn about the Catholic Church, Mass and Church leaders (priests, nuns, and bishop). We will learn about the Bible and read through some of the stories of the Bible (on a child's level.) Students learn that Jesus was a carpenter, teacher, and fisherman. We come to know some of His friends: Noah, Abraham, Moses, Samuel and Jonah. We also learn about the lives of Saints and how we can be more like the Saints. Once children have adjusted to coming to school, they will attend Mass on Wednesdays and Holy Days of Obligation.
Themes	We cover various themes throughout the year that include, but are not limited to, the following: Farms and farm animals, All About Me, My Family, Community Helpers and Leaders, Pumpkins, Dr. Seuss, Safety, Our Senses, Weather, butterfly and plant life cycles, Texas, outer space, and the Four Seasons. We also cover Holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Many of our themes and activities will include art projects as well songs, poems, technology, and movement activities.
Lunch	We eat lunch in our classroom and have the opportunity to purchase a hot lunch from the cafeteria. We have a snack each day and a rest time.
Rest Time	Rest time is a time for rest; the children are not required to nap.
Field Trips	We have 2-3 field trips a year. The places we go vary from year to year, but in the past have included: Green Meadows Petting Farm, Casa Mañana Children's Theatre productions and local fire stations.
Volunteer Opportunities	There are many opportunities for parents to help both in the classroom during centers and parties and outside of the classroom. Opportunities are on an "as needed basis" and come up periodically throughout the year.
Enhanced Curriculum	Spanish, Computer Lab, Music, Physical Education and Library