



4 year old  
Pre-Kindergarten Program  
At  
North Tonawanda Catholic School



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**FULL DAY PROGRAM**  
8:00 AM—2:00 PM  
Monday—Friday

**KidSafe after school care**  
2:00 PM—5:30 PM

**Affiliated Parishes**  
Our Lady of Czestochowa  
St. Jude the Apostle



The Pre-Kindergarten program at North Tonawanda Catholic School offers 4 year olds the means to learn and grow in a positive, Christian atmosphere. Our Pre-K curriculum encompasses a comprehensive approach to the major core areas of instruction in reading readiness, phonics, vocabulary, math, religion, science, and social studies. Educational goals are achieved through several hands-on learning experiences, problem-solving models, and other activities that will develop both fine and gross motor skills. Pre-K students will receive regular instruction in art, music, computer, physical education, and library skills. Our goal is that our Pre-K program will be a complete educational experience as well as a natural progression that will prepare your child with the necessary skills needed to meet the rigorous requirements of the state curriculum.

**READING READINESS/PHONETIC DEVELOPMENT**

Your 4 year old will learn to classify materials, and recognize colors, similarities and differences. They will further develop verbal expressive skills, distinguish sounds and recognize letters.

**MATH**

Focuses on number recognition, counting to 30, the days of the week, and the months of the year. Your child will learn to identify shapes, money, basic measurements and problem solving.

**RELIGION**

We provide a happy and loving environment that nurtures growth, respect for self and others, and an awareness of God's loving presence. The children will learn simple prayers.

**SCIENCE**

We will introduce various strategies to think and learn about the world around them. Topics include the human body, plants, animals, weather, the earth and ecology.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

Students learn about themselves and the community around them. The focus is on families and people in the community who help us. They will learn to work cooperatively and develop appropriate social skills.

**LEARNING CENTERS**

The children move among centers, interacting freely within various environments. The focus is for learning areas including dramatic play, construction, manipulative play, language, art, creative play, music, and movement games.





# INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN



## FEDERAL HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

- Government approved daily hot lunch program available
- Free/reduced lunch for qualifying families
- Menu is aligned with NYS guidelines for health and nutrition
- Lunch supervision by qualified lunch monitors

## LIBRARY SKILLS

- Students become familiar with library protocol
- Students will learn proper handling and care of library books and materials
- Students will develop visual/auditory acuteness through listening to and discussing books read together

## COMPUTER



- Exposure to computer hardware including monitor, keyboard, and hard drive will develop an understanding of their care and use
- Students will learn basic keyboarding skills and will be able to use the computer to access age-appropriate software in math and reading

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Students will develop gross motor skills through various physical activity
- Focus on forward/backward movement, running, jumping, and skipping
- Cooperative learning through group games



## MUSIC

- Students learn to sing songs and finger plays, and will develop listening skills by exposure to different genres of music
- Students will engage in movement and musical activities
- Students will learn basic counting rhythms and have the opportunity to play basic rhythm instruments
- Integrate art with music through creative expression (response to music)



## ART

- Students learn to identify and use art materials
- Exposure to various art media provides the opportunity for creative expression
- Development of fine motor skills through cutting with scissors, finger painting, coloring and drawing

## KIDSAFE

- After school care for working parents
- For a nominal daily fee, students have the opportunity for guided play and activities, snack and free play under supervision of qualified staff members
- Several opportunities for theme days and special events
- Available most days school is in session and on early dismissal days

