



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Grade School (Elmhurst) **PREKINDERGARTEN 4 INFORMATION**

Curriculum

Teachers
Mrs. Lisa Marzec
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Mrs. Gabrielle Wood, Assistant



Immaculate Conception Grade School's Prekindergarten 4 program utilizes the **Creative Curriculum** for Early Childhood. *The curriculum is uniquely designed to prepare students for the ICGS Kindergarten program.* The Creative Curriculum balances both teacher-directed and child-initiated learning, with an emphasis on responding to children's learning styles and building on their strengths and interests. The Prekindergarten 4 day includes Religion, Math, Language Arts, Music, Art, story time, Physical Education, library visits, and social/emotional development opportunities.

- **Religion:** "Stories of God's Love" program - Students build an awareness of Our Father's love for them. We emphasize that this love is everlasting and is shown to them through people, nature, blessings, etc. Sharing stories of God's love allows students to develop an awareness of family, community, stewardship, and respect for oneself and others. Prayer is reinforced as a means to build a friendship with God.
- **Math:** "TouchMath" program is a tactile approach to Math. Students learn to fully associate number quantities with numeral symbols. One to one correspondence between numbers is reinforced. Students compare and contrast various attributes of shapes and gain an understanding of positioning terms. This program progresses into early addition and subtraction.
- **Language Arts:** "Happily Ever After Reading" program is a reading readiness program with children's literature at its heart. This program gives children the foundation to begin reading instruction. Pre-reading and pre-writing skills are taught through various modalities; storybooks, learning centers and interactive activities. Students learn directionality of print and that illustrations provide clues. Students learn prediction and comprehension skills. Students learn to read and write their names, letters and sentences. Students learn pre-primer sight words.
- **Spanish:** Students learn Spanish language through art, literature, song, and hands on activities.
- **Social Skills:** Cooperation, listening, sharing, and communication skills are nurtured through individual and group play and activities with peers and teachers.
- **Large Motor Skill Development:** Continued refinement of gross movements using large muscle groups and whole body movement.
- **Prekindergarten Math & Science Lab:** Students visit the lab on a weekly basis to discover science and math concepts using hands on manipulatives and through experiment.
- Seasonal and Liturgical Year social events and programs: **Special celebrations** include a Halloween Parade, Thanksgiving Prayer Service, Family Christmas Social, Valentine's Day Party, St. Patrick's Day Prayer Service, Ash Wednesday Prayer Service, Easter Prayer Service, End of Year Picnic, and Fly Up to Kindergarten Program.
- State of the art outdoor **playground**
- State of the art wireless **library** with SmartBoard technology

Schedule Options

5 Mornings (Monday - Friday)
8am to 11am

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**Please call Mrs. Sheila Wachholder at 630-530-3490 to schedule a personal tour.
New student registration will take place Sunday, January 28th from 10am to 1pm in the school building.**