

## **St. Matthias School Goals for our Pre-Kindergarten 4year olds**

The main focus of the Pre-K program at St. Matthias School is to enrich the child spiritually and socially, while acquiring academic skills that follow the NJ State Common Core Standards and Diocese of Metuchen Curriculum Guidelines.

Our Pre-K program strives to help your child:

1. Foster a relationship with God.
2. Develop social skills. Namely:
  - Share with others
  - Respect teachers and fellow classmates
  - Respect for our classroom rules and space
  - Follow 3 step verbal directions
  - Communicate in complete sentences
  - Exhibit independence in the bathroom
  - Make eye contact

Academically, the St. Matthias Pre-K program hopes to prepare your child for the school's Kindergarten program. Specifically, at the end of the school year, your child should:

1. Identify and print his/her name in upper and lower class letters.
2. Draw a simple picture of his/herself.
3. Use scissors, pencil, glue, and crayons with control.
4. Exhibit knowledge of letter sounds (should be able to name every letter of the alphabet).
5. Identify colors and shapes.
6. Verbally count 20 objects and identify the numbers 1-20.
7. Have knowledge of age appropriate vocabulary.
8. Have knowledge of his or her full name, address, telephone number, and birthday.
9. Have knowledge of position words (i.e.: on, off, above, below).
10. Be able to independently enter the classroom and begin the class day.
11. Have knowledge of math skills such as: patterning, sorting, and matching.

*We strive to engage each student spiritually and academically  
in a Christ-centered environment,  
to prepare them to live as disciples and citizens.*

