



Saint James School

Preschool (4-Year-Old)

Religion

By the end of the year, 4-year-old students will know:

- Understand that prayer is a way to talk to God.
- about God's love and how we are special gifts from God
- how to thank God for his great gifts (family, friends, our earth, animals, and plants)
- how to celebrate religious holidays

Social and Emotional Development

By the end of the year, 4-year-old students will:

- work and play with others, sharing and taking turns
- enhance self-esteem and self-control
- try new activities and experiences
- encourage respect for others and classroom materials
- work independently and participate in groups
- practice paying attention in a class setting
- learn the importance of following rules and making good choices
- call others by their proper name

Early Literacy/Language/Writing

By the end of the year, 4-year-old students will:

- practice following simple and two-step directions
- listen and communicate with others
- listen to a wide-variety of books, stories, poems, and finger-plays

- Learn a new vocabulary word each week)
- recognize and print first name using upper and lower case letters
- develop visual and auditory discrimination through books
- begin to identify letters and sounds
- in writing - draw a picture and dictate story
- recognize colors
- recognize rhyming words in shared Nursery Rhymes
- practice writing skills (Hold pencil using appropriate grip. Write letters using proper formation of letters)
- develop sequential order of events through stories and dramatic play (recite)
- (Recognize familiar words through environmental print and/or items labelled in the classroom.)

Math/Number Development

By the end of the year, 4-year-old students will:

- Count orally to ten
- Sort and sequence numbers to ten
- creating and repeating patterns in an order such as ABAB or ABCABC
- showing one-to-one correspondence using objects for numbers one to ten
- recognizing basic two dimensional shapes such as circle, square and triangle
- using different non-standard forms of measurement
- recognizing and printing numbers to 10

Science

By the end of the year, 4-year-old students will:

- participate in and observe experiments involving magnets, water, shadows and colors
- learn basic facts about plants, animals, space, and the human body
- learn and use the vocabulary to describe weather and seasons
- practice making predictions

Art

By the end of the year, 4-year-old students will:

- foster creativity and imagination using and exploring a variety of materials
- develop skills in cutting, painting, tracing, and gluing

- appreciate different forms of art
- express new knowledge through their art projects

Coordination and Motor Skills

By the end of the year, 4-year-old students will know how to use:

- large muscles through jumping, climbing, balancing, and throwing
- fine-motor skills by participating in activities such as beading, cutting, and tracing
- hand-eye and foot-eye coordination using bean bags, balls, and hoops
- be able to cross the midline in a variety of PE activities
- Go up and down stairs using one foot at a time

Music

By the end of the year, 4-year-old students will:

- participate in singing, dancing, marching, and using instruments
- learn about rhythm and movement
- use songs to enhance learning and listening skills
- use music for auditory discrimination