

PK2 Curriculum Overview

Our youngest students enter St. Mark's at age two. Each day, they are greeted by the welcoming arms of their loving teachers. These caring and experienced educators bridge the gap between the home and school family. Successful school experiences depend on this positive partnership. Parent-teacher communication extends well beyond the twice a year formal conferences. Parents occasionally drop off or pick up in the classroom, offering casual interaction, and naturally, teachers are available to meet upon request.

With an understanding of the interests, needs, and development of two year olds, our curriculum and activities are appropriate for this tender age group. For example, "baby doll circle time" allows young children to care for their own baby in the way they are cared for by their parents and teachers. Teachers in PK2 teach self-help skills, such as hand washing and cleaning up to foster independence; however, students are not yet expected to be potty trained. Notification of diaper changes and other daily occurrences are documented and communicated to parents.

Class size is approximately eleven students, and all classrooms have a dedicated teacher assistant. Each day offers opportunities for language development, music, arts and crafts, and both fine and gross motor physical activity. Through play, emergent cognitive and social-emotional skills develop. Special area teachers visit the classroom to instruct in Spanish, Christian Education, and Physical Education. The PK2 classroom is a joyful, safe place where students feel nurtured and their parents feel valued as partners in this all important first year of school.

	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
PK2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom Routine • Vocabulary Development • Simple Sentences • Song Participation • Stories, Poems, Nursery Rhymes, and Songs • Listening • Fingerplays • Letter Sound Identification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching • Sorting • Shapes • Colors • Rote Counting (1-5) • Big and Little • Direction Words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body Parts • Animals • Sensory Skill Development • Weather • Seasons • Sensory Experiences • Science Experiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families • Independence • Taking Turns • Friendship • Kindness • Customs, Symbols, and Traditions of Holidays

	Motor Development	Social/Emotional Development	Additional Offerings
PK2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross Motor Skill Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Runs with Increasing Speed ○ Jumps in Place ○ Attempts Catching ○ Cuts with Scissors ○ Claps to Music • Fine Motor Skill Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pours from One Container to Another ○ Attempts to Hold Crayon Appropriately ○ Colors with Crayons ○ Inserts Pegs into Pegboard ○ Threads Large Beads ○ Manipulates Puzzles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting and Taking Turns • Increasing Independence • Listens to and Follows Directions • Group Experiences • Friendship • Kindness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Education • Physical Education • Character Education • Spanish <p>** Art projects and music are incorporated into daily activities.</p>