

Dramatic Play

- Kitchen and Dress up areas allow students to create and recreate stories and experiences through dramatic play
- Props provide creative expression through imaginary play
- Block area provides creativity for construction and personal expression of experiences.

Physical Education

- Outdoor games increase listening skills and the ability to follow simple directions as well as provide social interactions with peers
- The outside play structure and equipment provide the opportunity to develop the students' gross motor skills

Language Arts

- Demonstrate an interest in stories and lessons to increase oral language skills
- Nursery rhymes and songs provide the students an opportunity to expand their auditory memory skills
- Alphabet knowledge through song and play
- Trace shapes and letters
- Listen attentively and politely
- Learn to participate in group discussions

The Sisters' Connection

The mission of the Institute of Union-Chrétienne de Saint Chaumond is to provide a positive educational experience for children in an environment grounded in Christ, according to the charisma of the Institute.

The Sisters' involvement and primary goal is first to provide a foundation for our teachings of the Catholic faith and to provide foreign language skills to enable growth in each child's abilities in the following years.

Catholic Faith: Provide examples in everything we do at NDA in relationship to Christ. Display God's love throughout the day and teach the Catholic faith within all levels at school.

Foreign Languages: French & Spanish

All grades: Preschool-8th:

- Prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten:

- Learning through songs, basic greetings, numbers 1-20, the family, conversation

Kindergarten-8th:

- Basic greetings, formal and informal "you", colors, months of the year, numbers 0-100, conversation, vocabulary list, basic phrases that are useful in classroom
- From 5th-8th: Introduction to grammar, the uses of foreign language knowledge in today's society

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Curriculum Guide



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**Summary of
Preschool
Skill
Expectations**

Preschool Goals

Notre Dame Academy's Preschool is an early childhood program which is designed to nurture the development of the whole child.

- To provide your child with a Catholic education and bring God's love into teaching
- To make your child's early school experience filled with love, joy and fun
- To offer the best possible curriculum for today's three-year-old students
- To help young children become self confident, independent, caring and life long learners
- To instill positive school habits and attitudes that will extend inside and outside of the classroom
- To expose and enrich the students' language skills in English, Spanish and French
- To establish a successful transition to the Pre-Kindergarten classroom

Preschool Curriculum

The curriculum is designed for children to be involved in group and independent activities which promote learning through play. Monthly thematic units of study provide an enriched program for exploration in each subject area.

Our daily schedule will offer a creative and learning balance between the following activities.

- Active and quiet time
- Group and individual activities
- Indoor and outdoor play
- Child-centered and teacher directed activities
- Activities to develop gross and fine motor skills

Religion

Faith Formation is of great importance to Notre Dame Academy. Faith Development is incorporated into daily classroom activities and life lessons.

- To develop an awareness of the love of God
- To receive life lessons and moral awareness through the reading of Bible stories, songs and Catholic instruction
- To encourage both individual and group prayer, the students will learn formal prayers as well as develop their personal relationship with God

Creative Arts

- The students will be allowed to express themselves artistically through various mediums such as drawing, painting and sculpture

Math

- Recognition of numbers 1-10
- Develop number sense and awareness of numbers in the environment
- Apply one-to-one correspondence by counting objects by ones
- Introduce geometric shapes allowing the students to visualize and tactically view the relation of size and shapes to their environment
- To provide the basis for patterning, classifying and sorting skills
- Students begin to trace numbers using multiple mediums in order to develop fine motor skills

Science

- Develop an awareness of the sensory attributes with hands-on investigations and experimentation in Life and Earth Sciences
- Nutrition and Health units provide stepping-stones for safe and healthy living
- Fieldtrips will provide an extension of classroom instruction

Social Studies

- Develop an awareness of self, family and community
- Participates in school-wide activities
- Learn to share, cooperate and communicate with peers through social interactions and school events
- Exposure to various culture, traditions and religious holidays
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Music

- Exposed to various styles of music
- Express music using instruments and imitating beats and rhythms
- Develop gross motor skills and body coordination through music and movement