

## **HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

Holy Cross Catholic School Pre-K Program is open to students who will be four years old by July 31. Classes for Pre-K students will be held Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for half day students, and from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. for full day students.

Pre-K and Kindergarten students group together for story time, show and tell, religion, thematic activities, center time, music, and art. They work in age groups for readiness skills, fine muscle activities, pre-writing skills and number skills. Pre-K students are expected to grow in showing respect for others.

Pre-K students will participate in activities designed to teach:

- Socialization skills
- School readiness skills
- Fine and large muscle skills
- Knowledge about God and His creation
- Enjoyment of music and art
- Verbal communication skills
- Number awareness
- Exploration of the world around us
- Problem Solving
- Sharing

Holy Cross Catholic School Kindergarten Program is open to students who will be five years old by July 31. Kindergarten students attend school Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., with a short rest period after lunch. The kindergarten students will participate in an all-day program with an academic focus, including work on:

- Socialization skills
- Reading readiness and phonics skills
- Fine & large muscle skills
- Knowledge about God & His creation
- Enjoyment of music & art
- Verbal and written communication Skills
- Number awareness and beginning math
- Exploration of the world around us through thematic unit instruction

The Holy Cross Early Education Program is taught by a Missouri Certified Education teacher. Classes will be held in a bright, spacious classroom. Students will be served a nutritious snack provided by parents on a rotational basis at mid-morning. Pre-K students must be potty-trained and have bowel and bladder control before enrolling. Pre-K students may wear Holy Cross uniforms, but this is not required.

Christian values and Catholic practices will be introduced to all our students. Participation in religion class and prayer is important to our program and is required of all students.