

## PRE-K (A Great Beginning)

Ascension of Our Lord endeavors to accept each child as a unique individual with special gifts of mind and soul. We trust our efforts will help your child live a value-oriented life in the spirit of the Gospel message.

### **Little Crusaders – 2 Year Old Program**

Little Crusaders is a 10 month or 12 month program where full-time, part-time or summer time sessions are available. Students must be two years old by September 30th.

The Little Crusaders program includes various activities to help students with their social, physical, and academic growth. Free play learning centers, music and movement, arts and crafts, story time, outside play, hands on activities, and verbal interaction are targeted to engage your child in a warm and nurturing learning environment.

### **PreK 3 & 4**

Our Pre-K program accepts students who are 3 or 4 years old by September 30th of the current school year.

At the 3 year old level, the curriculum concentrates on developing motor, cognitive, communication and personal social skills. Students at the 4 year old level have concentrated time in reading and math, working in large and small group settings. We have adopted the Rowland Reading Foundation's Happily Ever After reading readiness program to give the children the foundation they need to be successful when they begin formal reading instruction. Montessori Methods are used at times to provide opportunities for students to choose centers that allow them to explore and discover.

The classes include, but are not limited to:

- Specially prepared environment
- Individualized attention
- Learning, not just simply by listening - but through all senses
- Activities chosen by child as well as teacher
- Religion, Language, Mathematics, Geography, Science, Sensorial, and Art curriculum
- PE, Computer and Library classes
- Spacious classrooms
- Peer problem solving
- Bi-Monthly Mass attendance
- Field experiences such as the Zoo Mobile, Pumpkin Patch, Aqua Van and Petting Zoo