**OVERVIEW OF PREKINDERGARTEN**

* Students learn to speak to God through prayer as well as through songs connected to the religion curriculum.
* Develop and strengthen small muscles in the fingers, wrists and arms; develop coordination and control.
* Review basic colors and shapes.
* Develop and refine recognition of similarities and differences.
* Understand position concepts. (high, low, up, down, over, under, in, on)
* Develop self-control and personal responsibility.
* Learn about manners, respect for others and the responsibilities for living together at home, school and community.
* Develop problem-solving skills.
* Develop ability to rote count in sequence.
* Recognize the value of numerals 1-20.
* Count objects with understanding.
* Use language to represent the number of objects. (more, less, how many)
* Recognize relative sizes; make comparisons.
* Exploration of physical properties of objects and materials by using one or more senses and experimenting with simple tools.
* Develop ability to represent observations in a variety of ways through pretend play, music, movement and art/construction.
* Build the capacity to listen attentively for different purposes such as in following directions, listening to stories, engaging in conversations, responding to questions.  All of these opportunities occur on a daily basis.
* Develop rhyming skills.
* Practice letter/sound recognition.
* Introduce/review printing of first name.
* Provide experiences in various art media and methods.