

Pre-K 3 Curriculum Highlights



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The Pre-K 3 curriculum at Royal Palm Academy is a comprehensive, academically-rich program that focuses on the whole child. This program is a multi-discipline approach that fosters not only a love for learning, but also a love for Christ. At Royal Palm Academy, your children will have opportunities to apply information, analyze, evaluate, and critically *think* and *create!*

Children in our Pre-k 3 program explore and learn these concepts according to their development. Children are taught with hands-on materials, songs, and games. They are assessed by observation, work samples, as well as teacher and personal assessments.

Literacy and Language Arts

Students will be introduced to the alphabet, including letter names and sounds. Fine motor skills such as holding a pencil, marker, and crayon correctly are introduced and further developed through PlayDoh, scissors, Legos, etc.

Students will learn to retell familiar stories, answer questions about stories, and repeat simple nursery rhymes and finger plays. Students will build new vocabulary, reinforce their listening skills, and strengthen their visual discrimination.

Math

Students will become familiar with recognizing the numbers 1-30 and counting objects to 30. Our Pre-K 3 Math curriculum also integrates:

- One-to-one correspondence of objects
- Sorting by various attributes: color, shape, and size
 - Patterns: AB, AABB, ABC
- Matching; symbols, shapes, patterns, etc.
 - 'Same and different'
 - 'More, Less, Same'
 - Time: Day and Night
- Money: Explored through games, songs, and pretend play



Science and Social Studies

Students will learn to use their five senses and experience the world through nature walks, gardening, and other explorations. They will observe insect life and plant growth.

Our students will also be able to:

- Identify basic colors and explore color mixing
- Investigate animals, the home they live in and food they eat
 - Learn about community helpers
 - Learn about their country
 - Explore types of work and workers
 - Explore modes of transportation
 - Discuss the daily weather

Religion

Students will develop a deeper understanding about God the Father and His love for us, the life of Jesus Christ, and learn Jesus' teachings to love God and love others.

They will recognize that the plants, animals, and human beings are God's creations and that God created families to love and take care of one another.

Our Pre-K 3 Religion curriculum also introduces daily prayers such as a Blessing Prayer before meals and later, the Hail Mary. Students will learn the Sign of the Cross and learn about Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

K4J Program

We celebrate a different virtue every month with our K4J (Kids 4 Jesus) program. Each month, the children will attend an assembly celebrating a different virtue. We will reinforce the virtue in our classroom and send home a meteor sheet with stickers. Parents will reinforce the virtue at home by placing a sticker on the sheet when their child displays that virtue at home. All sticker sheets will be returned to school before the end of the month. If a child returns a completed sticker sheet from home, they will select a gift from the treasure chest. In addition, there will be a monthly virtue activity in the classroom organized by parent volunteers.

Creative Arts

- Students will explore a variety of art processes including painting, drawing, and coloring
 - Various art materials will be incorporated such as crayons, glitter paint, water colors, colored pencils, markers, etc.
 - Students will experiment with mixing colors
 - Students will learn traditional songs and songs that enhance the curriculum, in addition to participating in movement songs and dancing.
- Animals sounds and movements are introduced and acted out

Social Skills

Students will explore using problem-solving skills in social situations and learn how to share classroom materials with a group.

Table manners are introduced and the student's social vocabulary is reinforced with etiquette phrases such as 'Please', 'Thank you', 'Excuse Me', etc.

Our social skills curriculum also integrates self-care concepts such as teaching the students to take care of his/her own needs: Clean up, roll up nap pad, fasten clothing, use tissue as needed, etc.

Students will also be State personal information: First and last name, age, school name, city, state, and country.

Value and virtues such as respecting others is also an integral part of our social skills curriculum.