



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Our philosophy at Saint Thomas Aquinas centers on development of the whole child.
Pre-K students are actively engaged in a variety of learning experiences that help them develop...
SPIRITUALLY, SOCIALLY, EMOTIONALLY, PHYSICALLY, AND INTELLECTUALLY

EXPLORE WITH US!



PRE – K PROGRAM
Available for children turning 4 years of age
by September 30th

Five Full Day Program for 4 year olds
Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Three Full Day Program (M, W, F)
or Five Half Days 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Before and After School Care Available
Financial Aid and Scholarships Available



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Founded in 1954, St. Thomas Aquinas School is a Catholic elementary school affiliated with St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Derry, New Hampshire and operates under the auspices of the Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire. St. Thomas Aquinas School is sanctioned by the State of New Hampshire Department of Education and follows state guidelines for teacher certification and curriculum.



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The mission of St. Thomas Aquinas is to provide students with a Catholic Christian education dedicated to the spiritual, moral, physical, and intellectual development of students through meaningful, Gospel-based learning experiences.



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PRE-KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

The curriculum at St. Thomas Aquinas Pre-K program is intended to develop the whole child by providing challenging activities for mind, body and spirit. Our certified teacher provides a positive learning environment that fosters the growth of each student's social, emotional, cognitive and physical abilities. At St. Thomas Aquinas Pre-K we are dedicated to providing an educational environment rich in learning experiences, so that a positive foundation for the future will be nurtured.

We recognize that growth and development are unique to each child; children develop skills at different rate. Listed below are the areas of development and skills that are incorporated into each Pre-K unit.

RELIGION:

The children will:

- Focus on God as a loving creator
- Learn simple prayers
- Bless themselves
- Learn about Religious Holidays
- Attend weekly Mass

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT:

The children will:

- Learn to problem solve
- Classify size, shape and color
- Recall information and parts of a story
- Follow three-part commands
- Understand concepts of same/different

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT:

The children will:

- Learn rhythm and melody
- Be introduced to and play simple instruments
- Improve expressive language
- Rhyme simple words
- Follow directions

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT:

The children will:

- Learn to speak clearly enough in sentences
- Make relevant contributions to ongoing activities
- Tell stories
- Master basic skills of grammar

EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

The children will:

- Learn to transition to activities
- Make activity choices without help
- Follow the rules and routines
- Express feelings verbally

GROSS MOTOR:

The children will:

- Improve coordination
- Practice hopping, kicking, throwing, catching
- Improve balance

SOCIALIZATION SKILLS:

The Children will:

- Show interest in new experiences
- Cooperate with other children
- Role play and fantasy play
- Learn conflict resolution
- Show more independence

STORY TIME:

The children will:

- Learn to take turns
- Increase listening and attention skills
- Gain early literacy skills and phonological awareness

FINE MOTOR:

The children will:

- Use drawing tools with control
- Use scissors with control
- Paint
- Use playdough
- Begin to write letters
- Copy shapes (circles, squares)