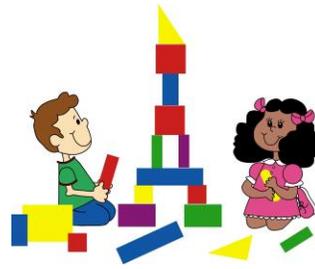


# *Angel Creek Preschool*

## Investigator Curriculum (24 -35 months)



Our Investigators are rapidly developing many new skills! Talking, listening, questioning and expanding vocabulary are all ways our teachers help build their understanding and enjoyment of the world around them.

Movement and creative activities through music, dramatic play and art all help build memory for words and ideas. As children develop their physical skills they learn about how things relate in space....in/out, up/down, etc. This spatial development is a necessary foundation for later language and mathematical skills. Children are given numerous opportunities to explore ideas about numbers, shapes, sizes and colors.

Manipulatives such as puzzles, pegboards and bead stringing give children a chance to use their eyes and hands together and a chance to practice simple problem solving. Children are provided with many creative materials to use in their own way. They will start out by scribbling and work towards drawing recognizable things. Remember it takes a lot of practice scribbling, over several years, to learn to control hands and focus ideas. Children need continual practice using their fingers and hands to help build eye-hand coordination and fine motor skills.

### **Enrichment Classes**



Children in our Investigators program participate in several enrichment classes throughout the school week. The teachers of these classes focus on specific skill sets that add to the quality of the children's school day experience. They learn God's teachings in the classroom through prayers, songs, stories, and character development. Their religion curriculum follows the curriculum supported by St. Ann's Religious Education Department. Children develop stronger math, language and motor skills through our Music and Movement classes. Continual hands on learning opportunities allow children to explore Science concepts that cultivate critical thinking skills. Outside learning and playtimes each day are also offered. Children are encouraged to investigate, move and practice good social skills on our playground and in our village.

Our Investigators are learning all the time. They are given plenty of time to experience new activities and to talk about what they are engaging in as they begin to develop a sense of independence.

**MOST OF ALL THEY ARE LEARNING THAT SCHOOL IS A SAFE AND FUN PLACE TO BE!**