St. Mary of Gostyn School
Welcome to Preschool!

Preschool 3's Class Information
Class Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Class Schedule:

- Morning Class: 7:50 AM – 10:30 AM
- Afternoon Class: 11:30 AM – 2:05 PM

Preschool Information
Our St. Mary of Gostyn Preschool 3's program offers a hands-on early childhood curriculum designed to foster the development of the child as a whole. Our program provides a nurturing, faith-filled environment where children develop curiosity, confidence, independence, and resourcefulness while learning that God and Jesus' love are always present in their lives.

Throughout the school year, children learn what it means to be part of a group outside the home. They develop respect for others and their belongings, learn to follow classroom routines and directions, and practice expressing and managing their emotions in appropriate and positive ways.

We encourage each child to build friendships, make choices, solve problems, and develop confidence in their abilities.

Preschool Schedule

- Fostering Independence: Hang up coats, organize backpacks, place their folder and snack on the shelf, and give teachers their lunch.
- Morning Meeting: Jobs, prayers, calendar, counting, weather graphing, letter recognition, stories, songs, fingerplay
- Large Group: Story Extension, Fine Motor Activities, Science, Social Studies
- Snack: Grace, conversation, table manners
- Learning Centers: Free choice activities that may include dramatic play, prayer/religion table, building blocks, free art, sensory table, science table, library, puzzles, manipulative tubs, playdough, games, and *small group* instruction
- Religion: Exploring the Catholic Faith
- Gross Motor Activities and Playground

Curriculum and Learning Experiences
Our curriculum combines hands-on activities, guided instruction, and child-directed exploration. Through large-group, small-group, and individual activities, children develop academic, social, emotional, and problem-solving skills.

Religion

- *Stories Of God's Love* Curriculum
- Learn how to pray
- Recite common prayers
- Hear Bible Stories

Language Arts

- Love of books & book handling skills
- Listens to and respond to stories
- Sequencing & predicting
- Vocabulary development
- Alphabet & phonological awareness
- Print awareness and writes name

Mathematics

- Number recognition
- Counting: Rote & One to One correspondence
- Color & shape recognition
- Sorting/Classifying/Matching
- Time Awareness: routines, morning/night

Science

- Five Senses
- Life Cycles: Plants/animals
- Weather/Seasons
- Nature exploration
- Physical Science: Magnets, sink/float
- Simple experiments
- Curiosity & Questioning

Social Studies

- All about Me/My Family/Dramatic Play
- Community Helpers
- Safety Awarenesss
- Wants and Needs
- Geography and Environment

The Arts

- Art/Crafts
- Song/Dance

Physical Education

- Gross Motor
- Throwing, catching, kicking
- Run, Hop, Galop
- Balance and body awareness

Social Emotional

- Self-Awareness/Self Regulation
- Communication skills
- Building Relationships/cooperation
- Developing friendships
- Confidence and self-Esteem
- Following direction and impulse control
- Sense of belonging