



Saint Michael Episcopal School
Toddler
Year at a Glance

LANGUAGE ARTS

Communication

- Points to pictures or things when named (i.e. body parts)
- Imitates actions of others, such as dumping of objects and putting them back in container
- Identifies two to four items in a book or picture
- Realizes that everything has a name

Language

- Repeats parts of songs, rhymes, finger plays
- Knows first and last name when asked and idea of "mine"
- Begins to understand short sentences (2 to 4 words)
- Follows simple directions
- Speaks in two to three word sentences
- Speaks and is understood half of the time
- Understands the role of prepositions in speech

Social/ Emotional

- Recognizes own name and comes when called
- Increases comfortability with the idea of transitioning from one activity to another
- Begins to separate from parent with more ease
- Establishes attachments
- Helps to put items away and participates in daily routines
- Increased awareness of other's feelings
- Side-by-side play with other children
- Establishes self-soothing techniques
- Labels feelings
- Seeks adult assistance

MATHEMATICS

- Counts to at least five from memory
- Understands some quantities

- Begins to sort
- Recognizes some shapes (circle, square, triangle)
- Compares sizes such as big and little objects
- Has awareness of more than two

SCIENCE

- Check back soon, we are revamping our Science information! But here are some topics we will be covering in Science Explorers!

Fall

Bugs
 Birds
 Arctic
 Reptiles and Amphibians
 Rainforest
 Ocean
 Simple Machines and Robots
 Magnets

Spring

Human Body
 Water and Air
 Electricity
 Plants
 Farm
 Going Green
 Space
 Kitchen Chemistry
 Dinosaurs

FINE MOTOR SKILLS

- Applies glue and pastes collages
- Paints with large brushes
- Begins to learn to tear paper
- Scribbles with crayons, markers, and pencils
- Begins to learn to use scissors to cut with one hand
- Assembles easy puzzles (four or more pieces)
- Builds with toys and can create tower with 4-6 block
- Begins to dress and undress
- Hand preference becomes apparent
- Turning pages one at a time
- Pincer grasp
- Hand/eye coordination

GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

- May be able to jump up
- Claps to music
- Walks alone and begins to run
- Kicks large ball
- By 24 months, can go up and down stairs without help, but does not alternate feet
- Becomes an expert at climbing on everything
- Throws ball overhand
- Begins to wash and dry own hands
- Begins to ride a foot-to-floor vehicle

- Walks backwards
- Increased balance

SIGNATURE EVENTS

- Donuts for Dads (Fall)
- Grandfriends' Day (Spring)
- Muffins for Moms and Art Show (Spring)