

## St. Dominic School's Preschool Curriculum

Our preschool program uses a locally designed, created, and implemented curriculum that meets the needs of all the Early Learning and Development Standards, plus additional skills that best prepare our students for Kindergarten. This curriculum is called **Joyful Discovery**™. The Joyful Discovery Curriculum is a continued product of Mount Saint Joseph University's *Project Ready!*, a research project designed to create higher quality educational materials our youngest students use daily to better help them reach Kindergarten Readiness. The curriculum is aligned with the Science of Reading and helps to set the foundation for Kindergarten and beyond.

The curriculum consists of a variety of units geared towards student interest, while highlighting and focusing on all of the Early Learning and Development Standards. Some of the units include: Kindness, North America, Seasons & Weather, Astronomy, South America, Botany, & so much more.

Throughout these individual units your child is exposed to manipulatives themed around the topics at hand, literature in the form of child's story books, alphabetic small groups where your child's individual letter and phonological needs are met, activities, crafts, and math small groups. Throughout all of these incorporations differentiated instruction is provided to assist each student in excelling.

