

# Good Shepherd Lutheran School

## Toddler Separation Curriculum

Teaching God's little ones involves forming foundations for trust and attitudes. Teaching at this level is not to be understood as traditional teaching in the formal sense. Most teaching involves the teacher taking the lead to talk and interact, with an ever increasing amount of child-generated interaction developing. Young children are charming, eager, and creative, making them a real joy to teach. Most learning will take place through their senses, through exploration and experimentation. The program runs the full school year.

*Parents should carefully consider choosing this program; the children are young and we do not wish to see any child "traumatized" by a separation situation. Your child should be fully ready for a "no parent" class. Additionally, should your child have a diaper that needs changing, you will need to be within a 10 minute radius of the school to come and change your child.*

*After a reasonable number of sessions, if the child is still having difficulty adjusting to this class, after consultation with the parents and school director the teacher may recommend the child move to the Together With Toddler class until it is determined the child is truly ready for separation.*

### Textures:

- compare pairs of tactile materials (smooth and rough; soft and hard, wet and dry, sticky and squishy)
- various activities reinforce texture concepts

### Sounds:

- compare and contrast – loud and soft, long and short, whisper and shout, high and low
- recognize common sounds (car horn, train whistle, jingle bells, etc.)
- mimic sounds

### Colors and Shapes

- introduce primary colors (red, blue, yellow)
- introduce basic shapes using concrete examples (square, circle, triangle, rectangle)

### Themes:

- at each session there will be a story and a project related to the theme of the book

### Religion:

- Jesus loves me, Jesus loves us
- Bible stories
- Christmas
- Easter

### Field Trips:

- nature walks around our campus
- Fall: pumpkin picking on campus
- Spring: picnic on campus

### Holidays:

- Thanks Gathering (program in class with parent)
- Christmas (party in class with parent)
- Easter (party in class with parent)