**Preschool Curriculum**

St. Pius X Preschool has chosen to follow the Toledo Catholic Diocese Preschool Curriculum and align the curriculum to the Early Learning Content Standards adopted by the Ohio Department of Education. We offer developmentally appropriate activities, through learning environment and approaches that meet the individual needs of the children. A balance of both quiet and active play throughout the day meet the

intellectual, physical, social and emotional needs of each child through indoor and outdoor activities.

**A. Socialization**

1. Interaction through free play

2. Creative play/dress

**B Language Development**

1. Singing 3. Group discussion

2. Stories 4. Learning conversational skills

C. **Music Appreciation**

1**.** Learning new songs 3. Rhythmic movement

2. Playing instruments 4. Creative expressions

D. **Small Motor Development**

1. Developing and strengthen hand and finger muscles.

a. play dough d. cutting g. writing j. water play

b. coloring e. printing h. sifting k. drawing

c. painting f. pouring i. sewing l. stringing

E. **Large Motor Development**

1.Building large muscle strength; coordination.

a. obstacle courses e. hopping, skipping, jumping, galloping, tiptoeing games

b. balancing beams f. building

c. throwing g. climbing

d.catching

**F. Pre-Reading Skills (Introduction to academics)**

1. Math

a. calendars f. building/proportions

b. counting g. one-to-one correspondence

c. amounts & space h. utilizing individual situations for math

d. recognizing numerals i. basic counting skills

e. comparisons-forming sets

**2. Reading**

a. alphabet recognition c. top to bottom movement

b. left to right movement d. visual perception

**G.Christian Values in Everyday Living**

a. Stories through puppetry d. Dealing with everyday people and experience

b. Learning to share e. Learning wonders of God

**c.** Basic bible stories f. Family and friends

**H. Science**

1. Animals 4. Dinosaurs

2. Seasons 5. Animals

3. Magnets 6. Senses and Body

**I. Self-Esteem Development**

1. Encourage a positive environment

2. Positive reinforcement

**J. Self-Help Skills**

1. Dressing self

2. Buttoning

3. Zipping

4. Tying

5. Lacing