



## *Pre-Kindergarten Music Music and Movement!*

**St. Emily Pre-Kindergarteners will participate in music class once a week for a 30-minute period.**

**Children will have opportunities to learn and develop the skills needed to:**

1. Follow teacher directions and dance instruction
2. Be more aware of their bodies and to improve their gross motor skills
3. Follow safety rules when sitting, standing, or moving
4. Sing and dance expressively

**Our movements in music class use simple props, puppets, bean bags, or basic instruments to aid the students' creative expression.**

**Our repertoire contains songs and videos that include finger plays, partner dances, circle songs, and developmentally appropriate dances that aid in developing children's fine and gross motor skills.**



*Young children "respond to gestures and movement before they react to the spoken word. They understand and explore sound before they learn to speak. They draw pictures before they form letters. They dance and act out stories before they learn to read" (Fowler, 1984).*



## **Pre-Kindergarten Physical Education Class**

St. Emily Pre-Kindergarteners will participate in physical education and health class for one period a week with PE teacher Ms. Gawlik.

St. Emily Pre-Kindergarteners will have many additional opportunities for physical activity throughout the week with their classroom teachers, both in the school gymnasium and on the outdoor playground equipment.

**Throughout the year, St. Emily Pre-Kindergarteners will master the following objectives, which mirror the standards of the local public schools:**

1. Development of gross motor skills through movement.
2. Cooperative skills such as turn taking and playing with others.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of rules and safety during physical activity.
4. Becoming aware of themselves and their health.



*"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn."*

*-O. Fred Donaldson*



## **Pre-Kindergarten Computer Classes**



This year, St. Emily Pre-Kindergarteners will receive formal computer instruction in the lab for one 30-minute period a week.

Throughout the year, they will master the following objectives, which mirror the standards of the local public schools:

1. To strengthen fine motor skill usage of the mouse
2. To utilize educational games, sites, and programs which reinforce emergent reading, math, science, and social studies skills and classroom themes such as colors, shapes, numbers, letters, and holidays
3. To identify the names and understand the functions of a computer, with emphasis on the mouse, keyboard, monitor, and tower.
4. To understand and use the basic functions of an iPad

Monthly updates, with links to the educational websites and videos we've used in class, can be found at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/stemilycomputerclass/home>

(or, just Google: "St. Emily Computer and Spanish Class Website," and when you find it, bookmark it for easy reference throughout the year!)

*I am looking forward to a fun and educational year with your children!*

*-Mrs. Folino ☺*

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