

## VCELS Curriculum Overview:

At VCELS our mission is to foster a faith-filled community of lifelong learners, compassionate leaders, and to follow Jesus' example through prayer, service, and love.

VCELS uses *The Creative Curriculum* as our primary resource. It is a comprehensive, research based curriculum that integrates a rich, developmentally appropriate program. The curriculum includes supports for early learning standards for infants-pre kindergarten in the following areas:

- social emotional
- physical
- language
- cognitive
- literacy
- mathematics
- science and technology

The Creative Curriculum is based on *38 Objectives for Development & Learning* and uses exploration and discovery as tools for developing confidence, creativity, and critical thinking skills.

VCELS also uses *Growing with Jesus* as the religion curriculum which encourages our youngest Valiants to connect to God and build a positive foundation for faith formation and beginning religious readiness. We also attend campus wide Mass monthly to celebrate our faith as a community.

Preschool classes are offered a combination of free exploration and structured play time, music readiness, Spanish, library time, and outdoor play. Also included in the preschool curriculum is *Second Step*, which is a social emotional curriculum, and *Haggerty* phonics awareness and kindergarten readiness program.

VCELS spends time exploring campus and connecting with students and staff throughout the schools. We visit residents at Maryville Nursing Home to engage with the seniors, spending time visiting with the Sisters, and enjoying VCES first

grade buddies who visit once a month to read to our preschoolers and take part in an activity together.

If you have any questions about our curriculum contact Amber Ploussard, Principal, at [aploussard@valleycatholic.org](mailto:aploussard@valleycatholic.org).