



### EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM



#### Pre-Kindergarten for 2 Year Olds Now Available at San Jose Catholic School

SJCS is proud to announce the expansion of our Early Learning Program. Beginning August 2014, we will offer a 2 year old PK class. Families may choose from a 2 day, 3 day or 5 day program. Since its inception in

1999, San Jose Catholic Preschool has cultivated an environment that nurtures the whole child. These young energetic learners, and their families, enhance the entire school community.



Experts have documented the overall benefits for children enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten classes, and the San Jose faculty agrees that having a Pre-K program, within our school, provides for a smooth transition to Kindergarten. In addition, these programs provide a sense of community, where students can interact with various age groups. Another important benefit of early learning at San Jose Catholic is the reinforcement of a strong faith based education. Abundant learning activities inspire creativity and encourage growth in cognitive, physical, social, and spiritual development.

Interested families, please call (904) 733-2313.

#### Welcome Gail Baker to our Early Learning Program

Gail joins San Jose Catholic School as a consultant to our Early Learning Program. Her vast experience in Pre-Kindergarten education, will help us continue to develop our strengths and enrich and enhance our existing programs. Most recently, Gail was the founding director of Child's Play Preschool at Lakewood Presbyterian Church, where she served in the position for fifteen years. Prior to that role, she spent 19 years as a PK4 teacher at South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church Preschool.

"My life is devoted to making a difference in education," said Gail, "I enjoy helping children develop a love for learning. Even the youngest child can be taught to become an active and enthusiastic learner through age-appropriate developmental play, in a loving and Christian environment."

While at Child's Play, Gail successfully tripled enrollment and launched various enrichment programs such as a lending library program, a messy art program, an early learning science program and organized PE for all PK students. Gail also focused her attention on after school enrichment programs including computer, dance, karate, and Spanish classes.



Please help us welcome Gail to our wonderful parish school!