



Portland Christian Little School The Four's

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderfully, I know that full well." Psalm 139:14

The Four's class uses the Christian based, *Essentials Curriculum* which has a Christian based, thematic emphasis. It's purpose is to teach skills in such a way that each lesson can be integrated into other core areas in the preschool setting. Other supplemental resources are used to reinforce skills introduced in the *Essentials Curriculum*. There are plenty of hands-on activities in learning centers that enhance and challenge cognitive growth. Fewer worksheets pages are used; however, the goals are the same as the K-4 class in preparation for kindergarten. The classroom can have a maximum of 12 children each day, with two teachers present. This program allows for more flexibility for family needs and schedules. There is a minimum of a 2 day, half or whole day, attendance for this class.

Highlights for the Four's (areas of focus)

- Fine motor development
- Proper pencil position
- Following directions
- Emphasis on good listening skills
- Organizational skills
- Cooperation
- Recognition of upper and lower case letters
- Association of letters with sounds
- Patterns
- Counting 1-50
- Recognition of numbers 1-20
- Classifying/sorting
- Independent skills (buttoning, zipping, putting things away, etc)
- Problem solving
- Writing name
- Recognizing name in print
- Bible stories
- FUN