

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing St Joseph's to kick off your child's academic career in Kindergarten.

Through the course of the year the students will be learning an array of different skills and course work through carefully curated lesson plans all rooted in our Catholic faith.

Topics through the year will include:

- Reading numbers 0-100
  - Representing numbers 0-31
  - Count forward to 100
  - Count backward 20-0
  - Count and identify sets of numbers to 20
  - More and less values
  - Comparing number values
  - Finding the sum and difference 0-10
  - Recognize patterns, ie: aba, abb, abba...and so on
  - Recognize two and three dimensional shapes (square, triangle, rectangle, diamond and so on)
  - Sort objects by their attributes
  - Demonstrate concept of measurement
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- Understand concept of print
  - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables and sounds
  - Knows and applies decoding skills
  - Reads sight words
  - Reads grade level text fluently and accurately
  - Understands grade level text
  - Determines the meaning of words and phrases
  - Writing skills
  - Communicates ideas through drawing, dictating and writing
  - Spells simple words phonetically
  - Prints legibly
  - Applies capitalization, punctuation and spacing

- Participate in outdoor classroom observations related to science
- Learn about our five senses
- Learn about plants, animals, weather and living vs non living
- Have discussions about different textures, man made vs nature made
- Sort objects into different groups (nature and human made)
- Describe changes in weather and season
- Sort objects by color, shape, size and texture
- Identify sources of heat and light
- Identify parts of a variety of plants and animals

- Names and understands school rules
- Distinguish between wants, needs, goods and services
- Identifies basic land forms on a map
- Compare and contrast past and present

- Demonstrate effective growth and organizational skills
- Follows directions
- Uses time wisely
- Sustains attention throughout tasks
- Listens attentively
- Respects others and property
- Follows school rules
- Contributes positively to the group

All this in addition to having specials daily that include, Music, Art, Physical Education, Computers and Library.

St Joseph's is a wonderful school with teachers who believe in the nourishment of academics and the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church to bring your children a well rounded educational experience.

Thank you,

God bless,

Ms S (Kindergarten)

