

ST. JOHN FISHER KINDERGARTEN

CURRICULUM

The curriculum focuses on the development of the whole child, including the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development. Our program utilizes an interactive approach. The children will have many opportunities to explore and experience materials and manipulatives first hand, which will aid them in their understanding of the concepts being presented. The children need this “hands-on” experience before they can move on to the symbolic form.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

A. READING

- recognize letters and sounds of the alphabet
- identify beginning sounds of words
- understand story sequence
- develop a familiarity with various forms of literature
- learn sign language for the ABCs
- “slide” beginning consonant sounds with short vowel sounds ex. ba as in bat
- be introduced to reading

B. MATH

- recognize numerals 0-20
- recognize and create various patterns
- develop math skills through the use of manipulatives
- make comparisons using graphs
- learn “touch points” for numerals 1-9
- practice counting to 100

* Math skills will often be presented with the use of manipulatives. It is important for the children to have this hands-on experience. If a math sheet comes home incomplete it is usually because we needed to spend more time on the hands-on portion of our lesson. You may complete the paper at home, but the children do not need to return it.

C. RELIGION

- recite daily prayers
- make the sign of the cross
- share bible stories about God and His people
- experience prayer through liturgy, prayer services, and spontaneous prayer
- develop a respect for the gift of life

D. THEMATIC UNITS - These units will be incorporated into the curriculum throughout the year. The following are a few that we have planned:

1. Ocean
2. Farming
3. Friends Around the World
4. Dinosaurs
5. Holidays

DAILY FOLDERS

The children are to bring in two two-pocket folders. We will keep one in school in case someone is absent or misplaces their other folder. Your child's folder will be sent home each day. All school mail and your child's papers will come home in this folder. It may be empty at times, but please check it each day and return it the next. Also, if you have any mail to send to us or the office please put it in the folder as we will check the folders daily.

HOMEWORK

We will be sending home monthly letters to inform you about what is planned for each month. The letters will list the skills that we will be covering for each subject area. You can work with your child at home by reviewing the letters/slides and/or skills for that month. *Reading to your child is very important. So, please have someone in your family try to set aside ten minutes each night to read to them- big brothers and sisters can be a great help with this! We will not be sending home worksheets for homework. On occasion we may ask you to work on something specific with your child.

Your children are God's most precious gift and we want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to get to know each and every one of them. We will do my very best to make our classroom the next best thing to home. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

- Please complete the attached Kindergarten Questionnaire and return to school on the first day of class. Thanks so much !