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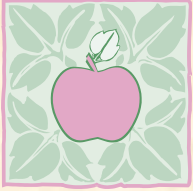
Queen of Angels Catholic School Kindergarten!

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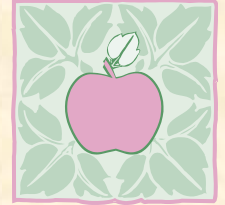


"All I ever really needed to know, I learned in kindergarten."

-Robert Fulghum



Kindergarten Goals



- Learn to work, play, and share with others.
- Enjoy music through singing and participating in rhythms.
- Express their own creative ideas in clay, paint, blocks, and other materials.
- Increase their ability to express themselves orally by telling stories, sharing experiences, and participating in dramatic play.
- Develop self-confidence, independence, and willingness to attack simple problems.
- Develop muscular skills by taking part in games, directed exercises, and manipulating work materials.
- Develop self-control by learning to take turns through listening, talking, and sharing.
- Prepare for reading experiences through a readiness program by acquiring a useful vocabulary, associating words with objects, and learning sight words.
- Grow in responsibility by learning the proper care for equipment, toys, books, and personal property.
- Develop the desire to read through listening to and reciting stories.
- Introduce a wide range of mathematical concepts through developmentally appropriate, hands experiences.
- Recognize that their formal schooling has started and develop a wholesome attitude toward school.

Behavior

In the first weeks of school we will be establishing rules for our classroom and our school. Children will learn the importance of:

- Establishing Rules
- Getting Along With Others
- Making Sure Everyone is Safe
- Learning
- Sharing

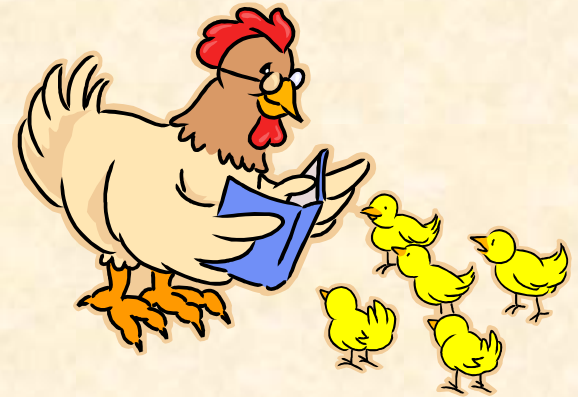
Behavior Contract:

A behavior contract will be sent home with your child. Please discuss and reinforce these rules with your child. Then sign and return the contract to your classroom teacher.



Curriculum Notes:

- Religion: daily classroom activities/Attending Mass
- Reading/Language Arts/ Reading Readiness
- Math: hands-on/math is all around us
- Science
- Social Studies
- Thematic Activities
- Independent Centers/Small groups
- Partnering with other grade levels
- Assessment: Portfolios, Ongoing skill assessments in Reading and Math, Teacher Observation, Norwin Title 1 Reading Assessment, **DIBELS** (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills),



Arrival Times and Procedures



- Arrival time is between **7:45** and **8:00**, with prayers and announcements beginning at **8:10**
- Your child will be considered tardy if they arrive **AFTER** 8:10.
- The children will be led by teachers from their bus or car up the stairs to the kindergarten classroom.
- If you are bringing your child to school, please pull in the car line coming down from Route 30 to the side entrance.

Half-Day Dismissal Time and Procedures

- Half-day children will be dismissed at approximately 11:45, after lunch.
- Pick up procedure: Please meet your child in the school office.
- Please make sure to let your child's teacher know, in writing, if there is a change in your child's regular dismissal routine (grandparents, aunts/uncles, neighbors).

*If you are going to be late picking up your child, please call the school office at 724-978-0144



Full Day Dismissal Time and Procedures

- Full Day Kindergarten children will be dismissed at 3:00.
- Pick up procedure: **Display the provided name sign in your front window.** Please drive under Route 30, turn right and proceed along building to upper parking lot. Pull into car line. For safety, teachers and staff will put children in to the backseat passenger side. Please remain in your car and pull forward then secure your child in their seat. Exit left under Route 30 when directed.
Thank you!
- We ask that parents/caretakers are PROMPT for dismissal time.

Please note:

Bus company policy: All Kindergarten children are permitted to ride a bus one way—morning only--. Norwin is firm with this policy. Other school districts *sometimes* transport both ways if the child has an older sibling. Verify this with your bus company, not the bus driver.

*If you are going to be late picking up your child, please call the school office at 724-978-0144



Lunch Procedures



•Your child may purchase school lunches. You may send a check for \$25.00 and a lunch account will be established for your child. A reminder will be sent to let you know when the account reaches approximately \$6.00. You may also check your account online. Lunch account information will be sent home at the beginning of the school year. Lunches are \$2.15 per day.

•When sending lunch account money to school, please make sure it is in an envelope, clearly marked with "Lunch Money" and your child's name

•Milk is 50 cents for packers. Please set up an account with the school lunch program.

•Kindergarten children will not be permitted to buy items on the ala carte menu.

Snack Information

•Snack will be provided in the afternoon.

•We ask that Full Day families donate healthful, community snack items, enough for the whole class.

•Some suggestions may be:

Pretzels

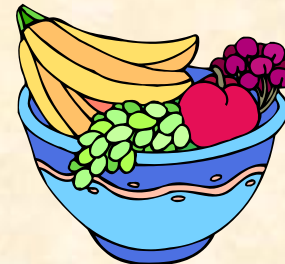
Crackers

Cookies

Boxes of dry cereal



Due to allergies, please do not send in any items containing peanuts or tree nuts



Dress Code

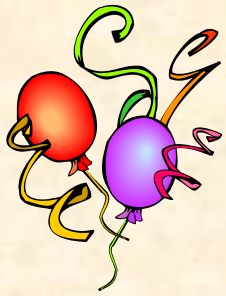
- All kindergarten children will follow the Queen of Angels uniform policy.
- Uniform gym clothes and tennis shoes should be worn on Phys. Ed. day. A schedule of our special classes will be sent home.
- Please help your child to practice buttoning, zipping, and fastening belts. These are wonderful fine motor activities!



Delays Due To Inclement Weather



- In case of a **two hour delay, half day and full day kindergarten will be begin at 10:00.**
- On days that we have a two hour delay, half day students will be permitted to stay until afternoon dismissal (3:00).
- Half day children may also bring a small blanket/pillow for rest time.



Birthdays

We will be celebrating Kindergarten birthdays in the morning.

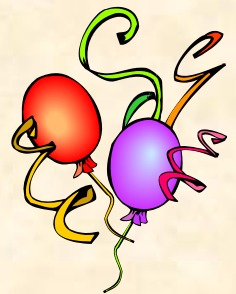
A celebration date will be discussed as your child's birthday approaches.

Birthday snacks must be in accordance with our school wellness policy. Additional information will be forthcoming.



Classroom Parties & Holiday Celebrations

- Classroom parties will be held in the morning.
- Party Sign-Up sheets will be posted on Open House Night.
- In an effort to give everyone a chance to participate, please sign up for ONE party. You will be notified if more volunteers are needed.
- Parties are organized in small group centers (story, snack, game, craft).
- "Treats" will be provided by Party Parents—Please DO NOT send in additional treats! Thank you!!

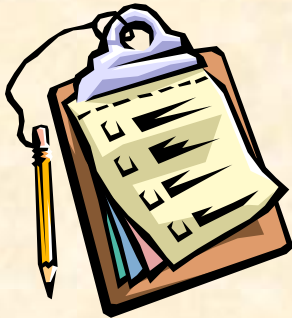


Homeroom Parents

If you are interested in becoming a homeroom parent for your child's classroom please sign up on Open House Night.

Homeroom Parents will be responsible for:

- Coordinating classroom parties
- Assisting teacher in organizing special events
- Assisting with special all school projects



Book Orders

Scholastic book order forms will be sent home each month.

Please send CHECKS ONLY! Make checks out to: Scholastic Book Club.

If you would like the books to be a surprise, just send a note with your order and we will notify you when the books arrive.



Kindergarten Calendars & Homework

- Watch for monthly Theme and Birthday calendars starting in September
- Extended Learning Activities & Family Projects will begin in November
- Homework: Check backpacks/folders daily for important papers and homework practice sheets. Children should complete (with parent guidance if necessary) and return to classroom teacher.

Questions?

- The best way to contact us is to call the school and leave a message or send a note in your child's folder. We will get back to you as soon as possible.
- No email please



We are looking forward to a wonderful year with you and your child!

Sincerely, The Kindergarten Teachers