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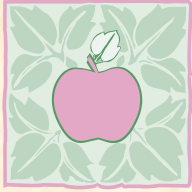


Queen of Angels Catholic School Kindergarten!

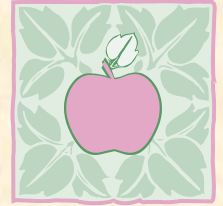


"All I ever really needed to know, I learned in kindergarten."

-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-on 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 based on our Responsive Classroom training. Children will learn the importance of:

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

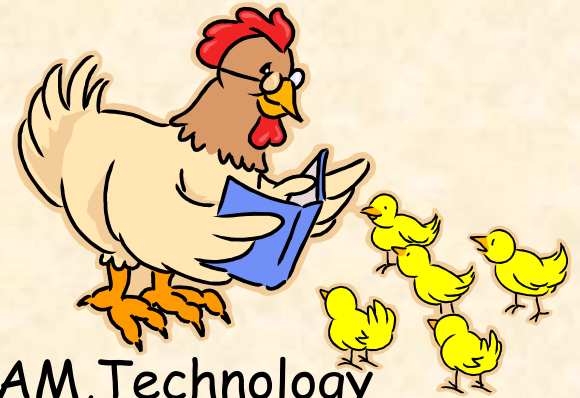
Classroom Policy

Please be sure that your child does NOT bring any additional items to school (toys, electronics, other school supplies that were NOT requested on the school supply list). These items are a distraction to learning and can become lost. There will be special occasions when items from home are permitted to be brought to school (Show and Tell).



Curriculum Notes:

- Religion: Prayer/classroom lessons & activities/Attending Mass
- Language Arts/ Reading Readiness/ Writing
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Thematic Activities
- Independent Centers/Small groups
- Special Classes: Gym, Art, Music, STREAM, Technology
- Assessment: Portfolios, Ongoing skills assessments in Reading and Math, Teacher Observation, Diocesan Kindergarten Report Card



Arrival Times and Procedures



- Arrival time is between **7:30** and **8:00**, with prayers and announcements beginning at **8:05**
- Your child will be considered tardy if they arrive **AFTER 8:05**.
- The children wait in the auditorium until 7:45 when they will be dismissed to the classroom.
- If you are bringing your child to school, please pull in the car line coming down from Route 30 to the side entrance.
- If your child will not be attending school for any reason, please email the school and teacher and call the school office at (724) 978-0144.

Half-Day Dismissal Time and Procedures

- Half-day children will be dismissed after lunch.
 - Pick up procedure: Please pull in the car line coming down from Route 30 to the side entrance.
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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 2:50.
- Car Rider 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 depending on your school district's policy. Norwin is firm with this policy—**one way—morning only.** Other school districts sometimes transport both ways. Verify this with your bus company, not the bus driver.

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Lunch Procedures



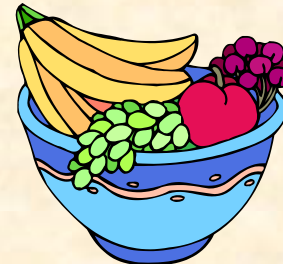
- Your child may purchase school lunches. A lunch account will be established for your child via PowerSchool which you can add money. You can check your account online. Lunch account information will be sent at the beginning of the school year.
- When sending lunch money to school to buy a lunch, please make sure it is in an envelope, clearly marked with "Lunch Money" and your child's name.
- Milk/juice is available for purchase by children who pack their lunch.
- Kindergarten children will be permitted to buy other items -ice cream, cookie, chips once a permission form is signed by the parents.

Snack Information

- Snack will be provided daily in the morning.
- We ask that all families donate healthy, community snack items monthly, enough for the whole month. The snacks **MUST** be individually bagged or wrapped.
- Some suggestions may be
Pretzels Crackers
Cookies Fruit Snacks
Goldfish Granola Bars
Rice Krispies Treats Mini Muffins



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



Dress Code

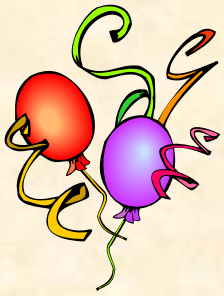
- All kindergarten children will follow the Queen of Angels uniform policy in the handbook.
- Uniform gym clothes and tennis shoes should be worn on Phys. Ed. day. A schedule of our special classes will be sent home.
- Please help your child to practice buttoning, zipping, and fastening belts. These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



Delays Due To Inclement Weather



- In case of a **two hour delay**, **half day and full day kindergarten will 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).



Birthdays

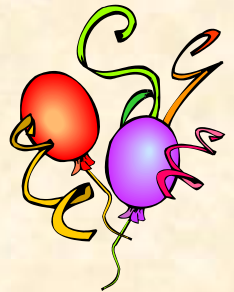
- We will be celebrating Kindergarten birthdays in the morning.
- A celebration date will be discussed as your child's birthday approaches.
- Birthday snack suggestions:

Munchkins - in
little bags
Small Cookies
MINI Muffins
Small Cupcakes



Classroom Parties & Holiday Celebrations

- Classroom parties will be held in the morning.
- Party Sign-Up and other volunteer opportunities will be done by a Sign-Up Genius link before the party.
- Extra parent volunteers are welcomed as "helping hands" at parties in addition to the party coordinator(s).
- ALL volunteers MUST have completed ALL diocese clearances and be approved to volunteer.

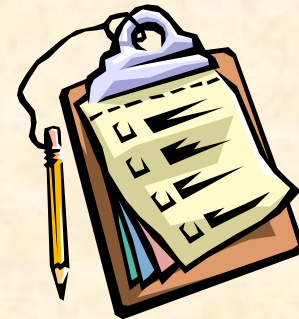


Homeroom Ambassador

If you are interested in becoming the homeroom ambassador for our classroom information will follow on how to sign-up. You **MUST** have ALL your diocese clearances to become a Homeroom Ambassador.

Homeroom Ambassador will be responsible for:

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



Kindergarten Calendars & Homework

Kindergarten Calendar:

- A monthly Theme and Birthday calendar will be sent home each month.
- Any Extended Learning Activities & Family Projects will be listed on the calendar.

Homework: (starting in September)

- Check take-home folder for homework practice sheet. Homework will be given nightly Monday - Thursday. (No homework on Friday) Children should complete (with parent guidance) and return to the classroom teacher.
- It is important to set up a homework routine with your child. Have a designated place where they can complete their homework along with supplies (pencil, crayons, glue stick, scissors) that will be needed.
- Use a pencil for writing and crayons for coloring only.
- Please make sure your child writes their name on ALL homework.



Kindergarten Supply List

Here is some information to help you get ready for the year!

- 2 3-Pack LARGE Elmer's Glue stick with purple glue
- 1 pack of Crayola Markers—Classic Colors/Broadline
- 1 pack Crayola Markers-Classic Colors/fine line
- A LARGE backpack (Zipper top)
- 1 pocket folder
- 2 boxes of 24 count Crayola Crayons
- 1 plastic pencil box for supplies (plain, solid-colored or clear) standard-sized-approx. 8x5x2
- 3 boxes of Kleenex (square boxes)
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 package of brown lunch bags
- For classroom use - 1 bottle hand sanitizer and 1 container Clorox wipes
- 1 inexpensive pair of headphones for Computer class (in a Ziplock bag with name on it)
- Girls- Package of non-coated white paper plates, 2 boxes Ziplock bags (quart and sandwich)
- Boys—Package of "wiggly eyes" (larger sized eyes), 2 boxes Ziplock bags (gallon and snack)
- Extra Set of Clothes: for "accidents" in a large Ziplock bag with their name (underwear, socks, outfit—does not need to be a school uniform).

Full-Day Children: Please purchase a blanket mat for rest time if you so choose. We also have vinyl mats available for the children to use at school if you don't wish to purchase one. Your child may also bring a small stuffed animal to be used at rest time.

A few additional notes...Please make sure your child's name is on all personal things. A community snack will be shared daily. Please send a donation that is peanut-safe and simple as well as individually wrapped. We will be drinking lots of water so have your child bring in a refillable water bottle daily.

The supply list can also be found at the Queen of Angels website www.queenofangelssch.org (click on menu, academics, supply lists, Kindergarten)

Questions?

The best way to contact me with something that will need to be addressed that day is to send a note in your child's folder. Email is the preferred means of communication. However, I may not have a chance to check my email during school instructional time. I will get back to you as soon as possible. Please be courteous of school hours (7:30 - 3:30) when sending emails and waiting for a response.



I am looking forward
to a wonderful year
with you and your
child!