

A BEGINNING

Dear Parents,

This is a story with a beginning, but no end. It is mostly about one child.....yours! It is also about his/her teachers, including you. And it is full of drama, humor, perhaps a few tears, and hopefully a lifetime of learning.

Your child will soon be starting school; however, his/her learning started at day one. You were your child's first teacher. You encouraged him/her to smile and laugh, to talk, to walk, to be curious and adventurous (within limits), to ask questions, find answers and to share his/her world with others. Now we will help you teach your child.

During the first 4 years of a child's life, his/her contacts with the world outside the home and immediate neighborhood are limited. Before starting his/her regular classroom work in first grade she/he needs to learn to make new friends, to adjust to new situations, and to adapt to the daily routine of a regular classroom. These experiences in Kindergarten will help and enable your child to make an easier and more successful adjustment to school life.

Your child can continue to grow happily at school, at home, and at play, as she/he takes part in the various activities of Kindergarten, she/he will gradually become acquainted with school life. In Kindergarten, we prepare your child so that she/he may be able to experience a successful beginning in first grade. For this reason, Kindergarten can best be described as a "readiness program".

We invite you to visit Kindergarten and become acquainted with the atmosphere of the school's learning environment. You will want to become acquainted with us, and we with you. We are anxious to work with you in guiding the educational experiences of your child. Let us work together to provide a quality education for your child.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Juanita Nelson
Kindergarten Teacher

Miss Carolyn Dierberger
Kindergarten Teacher

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Holy Trinity School aims to do the following things for each Kindergarten child:

1. To foster each child's early development in the Catholic tradition.
2. To help each child learn to think, listen, and express himself/herself in many ways.
3. To encourage children to discover learning through the use of many materials.
4. To give each child varied experiences (i.e., field trips, walks, play games and see films, engage in rhythm and musical activities, make choices and decisions.)
5. To provide good music, literature and art for each child's appreciation and response.
6. To develop the ability to live with others, accept responsibility, share, plan, work and play.



MISSION:

Holy Trinity School is a parish school and a Catholic faith community of students, parents/guardians, and staff working together, striving to create a Christian learning environment in which our students can fully develop their spirituality, character, skills, and knowledge.

PHILOSOPHY:

Spirituality and Character will be enhanced through:

- * Appreciation and application of living our faith and faith practices
- * Respect for self, others, and the environment
- * Appreciation and application of Christian values and good citizenship
- * Involvement of parents and guardians in the learning experience

Skills will be developed through:

- * Curriculum which emphasizes mastery of basic skills and high standards
- * Introduction, development, and reinforcement of motor skills development
- * Opportunity for the arts, language classes, and technology training

Knowledge will be fostered through:

- * Appreciation of humanities
- * Expectations and challenges of higher level thinking skills for all students
- * Reinforcement and evaluation of skills taught

As a parochial Catholic School, we want to provide this educational opportunity to as many students as possible. We hope to achieve our goals through cooperation and accountability from all members within our Catholic faith community.

HINTS FOR PARENTS

Children differ widely in experience before they come to school. You can help your child by:

- * Making your child self-reliant.
- * Having a regular pattern for sleep, meals, and play to develop a sense of security.
- * Providing your child with rich experiences such as trips to parks and zoos, stories and good music, self-expression with crayons, paint and other materials.
- * Treating your child as an individual. Do not compare him/her with other children or siblings.
- * Helping your child assume some responsibilities at home.
- * Proving to your child he/she can have a happy time away from mother and father.
- * Talking about all the things you are seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and feeling. Point out likenesses and differences.
- * Being a listening parent. As you listen to your child, you learn to know him/her.
- * Reading to your child often. As she/he listens, he/she learns new words and how to use them.
- Recognizing that your child's work is special. Each time your child brings a project home from school, remember he/she has put a lot of time into it. Ask him/her to talk about it. Make a special spot in your home to show off your child's work. Let your child know you are proud of his/her work. Praise the child for trying, and encourage him/her to try again if he/she fails.

REMEMBER -- we never say we can't! We always say we'll try!



REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

1. To be registered, parents/guardians need to complete the registration form, complete the tuition contract, pay the registration fee, and give us **a copy of their child's birth certificate**.
2. **Health forms** must be returned to school before school begins in September. State law mandates that all school children must be immunized in accordance with the law.
3. Copies of the **Early Child Screening** need to be sent to Holy Trinity School. This screening is mandated by law and is completed by your local public school district. We need this before school starts in the fall.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

1. In the morning, please drop your child off on the north end playground between 7:45 - 7:55.
2. **ALL CLOTHING (hats, sweaters, uniforms, boots, etc.) should be clearly marked for identification.**
3. When a child is absent from school for illness or for other reasons, please call the school office in the morning and notify the school secretary or principal. A written note must accompany him/her upon return to school. This should include the child's name, date of absence, reason for the absence, and your signature.
4. Children enjoy parties! We will have holiday parties during the school year. Parents/Guardians may volunteer to help at these parties. Children's birthdays are also celebrated (summer birthdays on the half year). The children may bring treats if they wish or a book to donate to the classroom library.



KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

RELIGION

The "I Am Special" Sunday Visitor Series. This series aims to help Kindergarten children develop a positive sense of their own self-worth.

The "Who Am I?", Image of God series. The main focus of this series is that we are all persons made in the image and likeness of God.

The children also participate in prayer services and weekly Wednesday school Masses.

READING

Instruction in reading is carefully planned so that the children receive a good basic foundation for reading and writing. Individual and group teaching helps each child to develop a strong readiness for reading and growth in reading as time progresses. The alphabet and letter sounds, days of the week, colors and numbers are included in the reading concepts that are taught. A variety of materials including teacher-made materials are used for teaching reading readiness.

Through the use of our Literature-based program, nonreaders will be given a comprehensive reading readiness program based on a full school week to learn each consonant and vowel sound. At the same time they will acquire a foundation for structured learning through the development of essential skills such as listening, thinking and following required directions to complete a task.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Along with basic reading readiness skills, other language art skills are developed during the year. Oral communication and expression are implemented through activities such as story dictation, individual sharing, and group sharing experiences. Other skills taught are D'Nealian Handwriting, sequencing, and classification skills; which reinforce everyday language concepts.

MATHEMATICS

Children develop understanding and insight of the patterns of mathematics through the use of concrete materials. The activities are designed to help young children see relationships and interconnections in mathematics and to enable them to deal flexibly with mathematical ideas and concepts.

SCIENCE

The children are encouraged to be aware of God's creations around them: the wind, air, sun, and stars plus plant life and animal life. They do a variety of simple science experiments which help them discover more about the world in which they live.

In the spring and fall nature walks are taken. Holy Trinity School participates with Dodge Nature Center and their nature program. Kindergarten focuses on, "Model Farm", and "Signs of Spring".

ART AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The children become aware of the beautiful and cultural aspects of life by listening to and learning poetry, sign language, finger plays and a variety of songs. They are exposed to a wealth of good children's literature and many arts and crafts activities. They also attend Spanish class twice a week. Art is done often in the classroom. The students also attend an art class once a week, which is taught by a specialist. Art techniques and appreciation is emphasized by the specialist.

MUSCLE DEVELOPMENT

The children participate in a variety of games and movement activities to develop large muscle and small muscle coordination. They use equipment such as balls, ropes, beanbags, and hoops for many of these activities.

The children meet two times a week for physical education with the licensed specialist.

MUSIC

The children meet with a licensed music specialist twice a week. Children participate in rhythmic movement, singing, and playing instruments.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies instruction teaches the children that there is more to life in this world than that which is just around them. They learn about different people and their lifestyle and cultures. Discussion of local and national events on a five-year-old's level of understanding awakens the children to broader concepts of people and places.

COMPUTER

The children meet once a week with the computer specialist. The children are introduced to technology and work on projects that enhance the curriculum.

A TYPICAL KINDERGARTEN DAY AT HOLY TRINITY

A.M.

- Opening Prayer, Pledge, Attendance, Show-n-Tell
- Readiness (Reading and Math)
- Self-directed learning
- Snack/story
- Recess
- Religion

LUNCH & RECESS - 11:40-12:25

P.M.

- Quiet Time
- Music
- Physical Education
- Spanish
- Science/Social Studies
- Art
- Prepare for home
- Dismissal

ONCE A WEEK

- Library time
- Computers
- Weekly all-school Masses

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL - UNIFORM POLICY GRADES K-5

Dennis Uniform is our official uniform store. All styles and colors worn must be identical to Dennis.

BOYS

Shirt: Royal blue, white or light blue knit shirt (short or long sleeve). White turtlenecks.

All shirts are to be tucked in.

Pants: Navy blue twill uniform pants.

Shorts: Dennis' navy "walking" length shorts are acceptable.

Other: Socks are to be plain solid white, or navy. No logos or decorations. All socks must be above the ankle.

GIRLS

Shirt: Light blue or white blouses, turtlenecks or knit shirts (long or short sleeved, classic or Peter Pan collars) with NO lace or ruffles. **All shirts must be tucked in.**

Jumpers or skirts: Plaid as sold at Dennis. Optional matching solid plaid vest may be worn with the skirts. Skirt or jumper length must be 4 inches or less above the knees.

Pants: Navy blue twill straight leg pleated pants.

Shorts: Dennis' navy "walking" length pleated shorts.

Other: Navy blue leggings that are snug at the ankle may be worn under the jumper or skirt (They may not be worn alone with a shirt or sweatshirt.)

Navy or black shorts must be worn under skirts or jumpers at a length not seen below the hem of the skirt or jumper.

Solid navy or white knee high's, anklets, or tights are to be worn. Dennis Uniform plaid trimmed anklets are okay. All socks must be above the ankle.

NOTE:

Holy Trinity crew neck sweatshirts are considered part of the uniform. HOWEVER - no oversized, faded or other types of sweatshirt will be allowed. The Holy Trinity sweatshirts must be worn over a blouse, shirt or turtleneck. Sweatshirts are not to be tied around the waist.

Tennis shoes are preferred, NO sandals, roller shoes, or backless shoes are allowed.

Skorts are not part of our uniform.

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2006-2007 KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST

LABEL WITH NAME:

- *Book Bag or Back Pack
- *Paint Shirt (**NO** plastic aprons)
- *Spiral notebook - 70 sheet - wide ruled

TO BE SHARED AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

- *Pencils - yellow #2 lead, sharpened (1pk of 8)
- *Crayons 8 **basic colors** (Crayola, average size)
- *Fiskars scissors
- *Markers (thick - 8 water based, Crayola, **basic colors only**)
- *8 glue sticks
- *2 rolls of paper towels
- * 2 Boxes of regular sized Kleenex Tissue

Some supplies will need to be replenished later in the year.

CLASS LIMITS:

Kindergarten, minimum of 15, maximum 25

Grades 1-8, minimum of 15, maximum of 30

Special circumstances might cause the class limits to be slightly higher or lower. This decision will be made by the principal and classroom teacher, pending approval of the finance committee and the education committee.

Kindergarten students **must be 5 years old on or before September 1st** of the school year in which they are enrolling.

POLICY ON ADMITTANCE OF NEW STUDENTS TO SCHOOL:

Families who are currently enrolled at Holy Trinity will be given first opportunity to register for the school year. Registration for school families is from February 27th - March 3rd. Parents are required to remain current on their monthly tuition payments in order for their children to register and remain at Holy Trinity School. Tuition payments for the previous year must be completed by June 1 and all other statements current (Extended Day, etc.) for that position to be assured.

On March 6th, registration will begin for families who are registered, contributing members of Holy Trinity Parish. Because St. Augustine Parish contributes the difference between parishioner and non-parishioner tuition for children of their parishioners attending Holy Trinity, parishioners of St. Augustine would be included here.

On March 8th, registration will begin for non-parishioners. After this date, all students will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM. YOU MUST ALSO INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE. AND INCLUDE THE REGISTRATION FEE.

HEALTH FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER. STATE LAW MANDATES THAT ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN MUST BE IMMUNIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.

COPIES OF EARLY CHILD SCREENING NEED TO BE SENT TO HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL. THIS SCREENING IS MANDATED BY LAW AND IS COMPLETED BY YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

