

KINDERGARTEN AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

Our kindergarten program includes the following:

- **Opening/Sharing Time** – Our day begins with prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and our daily activity calendar. Then it is time for sharing time, where the children are able to bring items brought from home, or where they relate individual experiences which are important to them.
- **Learning Centers** – The children work on activities which help them develop fine motor skills, visual discrimination, listening skills, and language/reading/math readiness.
- **Language Arts** – Visual, auditory and manipulative methods are used to promote both oral and cognitive development. Opportunities include dramatic role playing, creative dramatics, story and poetry listening, finger plays and puppetry.
- **Science** – Using hands-on experiments, children explore various elements of earth and life science.
- **Math** – A variety of hands-on manipulatives help students explore and develop the concepts of numbers, patterns, shapes, sorting and graphing.
- **Religion** – Students participate in religion through prayer, discussion, and classroom activities. Beginning in January, the children attend weekly liturgies with the entire school body.
- **Computers** – Kindergarteners attend computer class twice weekly. Students use Macintosh computers for their enriched and challenging classroom activities.
- **Spanish** – Our kindergarten students attend Spanish class twice weekly, as well. The Spanish language is learned through games, songs, stories and activities.
- **Art** – Opportunities are provided for the kindergarten child to experiment with a wide variety of art media. The artistic elements of line, shape, color and texture are explored.
- **Library** – Kindergarteners have library class weekly, where they are able to review, select, and check out their favorite books.
- **Music** – Students attend music class twice weekly. Listening, singing, creative activities, learning rhythms, and using various instruments help the children develop a love and appreciation for music.
- **Physical Education** – Physical Education class for kindergarteners is held twice weekly. The children have the opportunity to exercise both large and small motor muscles through organized physical activity.
- **Story Time** – This is the quiet time of day where an interest in reading is fostered. These stories often enhance a unit or lesson being taught that day.
- **Field Trips and Special Classroom Visitors** – Our social studies curriculum is enhanced through field trips and special speakers.
- **Free Activity** – During this important time, the kindergarteners choose activities and playmates, learning to enjoy games and activities through appropriate social interaction.
- **Enrichment Activities** – Kindergarten students participate in Grandparent's Day, Thematic Units, Author Studies, Fun with Fathers, Mothers' Tea, Christmas and Spring Music Programs, Journey through Holy Week, and Track and Field Day.

Call 763-684-0075 to schedule a tour of our wonderful school!