

Special Activities

The kindergarten experience includes many special activities throughout the year.

The class prepares a paraliturgy.

A play performed for the entire school that teaches a religious lesson.

Field trips are also scheduled to enhance learning.

We may see a play, take a trip to the Planetarium, or even take a nature walk at Glen Falls Park.

Kindergarten students participate in our Christmas play.

They never fail to steal the show!

Each month a "Student of the Month" is chosen.

This student is rewarded for his or her outstanding effort with a special breakfast.

The children perform a service project for the community.

In the past, we have visited a nursing home and collected food for an animal shelter.

The Kindergarteners enjoy spending time with upper grade reading buddies.

Upper grade students read stories and play learning games with their kindergarten friends.

The class regularly attends weekly Mass.

Father Jerry leads our school in prayer each Wednesday morning. Many parents join us for this lovely service. We have a children's choir complete with violins, bells, and flutes.

They enjoy other school sponsored events.

This include roller skating parties, a Halloween Party, a spectacular Father- Daughter dance, and a Mother-Son Fun day, the 5K Race and Family Walk and Fantasy Island Fun Day.

The year ends with an unforgettable graduation ceremony and reception.



We invite you to experience our school. Please contact Mrs. Deborah Lester, Principal at (716) 632-6146 to request a personal tour of our school.

We look forward to educating your child!

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN SSPP KINDERGARTENER



Morning

The day starts with our morning routine.

The children are responsible for placing their things in their lockers, putting their take-home folders in the designated spot, and ordering lunch.

After the morning routine, the class comes together as a whole group.

We recite our morning prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Students then participate in circle time where they discuss and record the date on our calendar. Student volunteers make observations and chart the weather. Circle time is also used for the teacher and class to share important news.

During the morning, the class actively explores various subject areas, with a focus on language arts and mathematics.

Instructional techniques vary. Some things are taught in a whole group setting, and others are taught in small groups. Each kindergarten has a teacher and a full-time aide, allowing every child the opportunity to receive individual attention.

Morning snack time.

The kindergarteners enjoy a small, nutritious snack sent in by their parents.

Language Arts and Mathematics

Our language arts program incorporates a variety of activities.

The class follows along as the teacher reads “big books.” The children also read little books in small groups.

A strong emphasis is placed on phonemic awareness. Children not only learn to recognize the letters of the alphabet, and their corresponding sounds, but how to put sounds together in order to read and write words.

Children are encouraged to write stories, using our word walls and inventive spelling. We practice reading and writing our sight words regularly.

Our class uses a program called Handwriting Without Tears to learn correct alphabet letter formation.

Our new math series is aligned with the Common Core Standards.

Kindergarten math includes basic counting and number recognition, positional words, use of a calendar, counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's, adding, subtracting, and geometry.

We spend a great deal of time using manipulatives and math games to allow children to develop a firm understanding of the various math concepts. These activities encourage children to use creative problem solving.



Seatwork and hands-on activities are spaced throughout the day in an age-appropriate manner.

Lunch is served in our cafeteria.

Students at Saints Peter and Paul have the option of bringing their lunch from home or purchasing a hot lunch. Milk and snacks are also available.

Recess is also a part of the day.

You will frequently find us outside on our playground. The children are encouraged to play freely with their classmates. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop friendships and social skills.

Specials

Each day, the children participate in a “special.” These classes include art, physical education, music, library and computer class.

Art Class brings out the creativity in every student.

Our kindergarteners enjoy painting, drawing, and creating spectacular artwork using a variety of mediums.

Physical Education is always exciting.

The children participate in a variety of sports, games, and team building activities.

Music class is always entertaining.

You may find the class making rhythm instruments or playing a rousing game of “Name That Tune.”

Our new Media Center features our Library and Computer Lab.

The children listen to stories, learn about books, authors, and illustrators. They are also able to check out a book of their choice.

During computer class, the students are engaged in a multitude of learning activities which include virtual fieldtrips, creating drawings, and practicing their math and reading skills.

Afternoon

Our afternoons are filled with science, social studies, and religion. Some of the topics the class learns about include plants, animals, the solar system, communities, careers, daily prayers, bible stories, and religious holidays.



End of Day

Our day ends with a prayer. We pack up our things and get ready to go home.

Many children attend our After School Program. Child care is available until 6:00 P.M.