



## TK Back-to-School Night

Welcome to Transitional Kindergarten! In TK we will be using the Kindergarten curriculum at an introductory level to assure student success in Kindergarten. The core of this program incorporates key curricular content areas essential for young children to be successful learners, including language development, literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, creative arts, social and emotional development, physical health and development, and technology.

In the morning the students will focus on Literacy and Math. During Literacy, the students will use hands-on alphabet activities to learn the letter of the week. They will also work in Reading Stations that focus on Alphabet/Phonics, Writing, Listening to Reading, Word Work, and Phonemic Awareness. During Reading Centers, the teachers will work in small groups or one-on-one with the students to focus on their reading ability. Every Friday we will have show-n-tell for your child to participate in. Show-n-tell will coincide with the letter of the week. They need to bring in one item or picture that goes with the letter of the week to share with the class. The item needs to fit in a brown paper bag which will be sent home with your child on Thursday. Please help your child think of 3 clues to describe what is in their bag so their classmates can guess what they brought for show-n-tell. Math class will focus on number recognition, counting, patterns, measuring, money, geometry, basic operations, and time. The students will rotate between Math Stations that focus on the skill we are learning that week.

Besides the core classes, TK will attend art, PE, Spanish, music, computers, and library once a week. These classes are held in the main school building. In the cooler months, please send your child to school with a coat to wear as we walk across the parking lot.

Please check RenWeb every week to see what we are doing in class. I will add our class goals to RenWeb so you can ask specific questions to your child at the end of the day. Please make sure you check your child's folder each night. The folder contains their behavior sheet, which needs to be initialed each night and returned the following day. It also has any work your student has done at school; please remove the work each night.

Every two weeks we will do Student of the Week. A note will go home to tell you of your child's week and you will need to help your child answer some questions and choose some pictures to bring in.

TK will be eating lunch at 10:55 am. If your child is buying lunch, they can choose between the hot lunch and a sandwich option. Please help your child decide which option they want before school. There is a lunch menu on our school website. Also, we will have a snack time in the afternoon. Please pack a healthy, nut-free snack for your child separate from their lunch box. The snack should be one granola bar, fruit snack, etc. Please no candy or drinks. Naptime will be after recess. If your child needs a small blanket or comfort item, please send it to school with their name on it. All nap items will be sent home on Fridays to be cleaned over the weekend.

TK will attend weekly mass with the whole school. Mass is held on Friday's at 8:30. Parents are welcome to attend our school liturgy. Please make sure students bring their school sweaters on Fridays.

We will have two class parties this year, one for Halloween and one for Christmas. If you are interested in volunteering to help as a Room Parent, you must be safety trained and can sign up in Rene' O'Connor's office. We will recognize the children's birthdays in school with a birthday crown, certificate, and pencil. If your child's birthday is in the summer, we will celebrate it at the end of May. If your child wishes to bring in something for the class, please bring something for every student, but no food or candy.

Our class has discussed what rules we should follow in the classroom and have decided on the following:

1. Use good listening.
2. Raise your hand to talk.
3. Share and work together.
4. Treat your friends kindly.
5. Help clean up.

The children are doing a great job of following our rules. The students can earn stickers on their incentive chart when they are following the rules. When their chart fills up, they can choose an item from the class treasure box and start again with a new chart. If a student has any difficulty following the rules, they will be asked to take a time-out to think about their choices. If any physical aggression is used towards another student or teacher, parents will be made aware of the situation through email. If the behavior continues, the child will be sent home for the remainder of the day.

I am looking forward to a wonderful, fun-filled year in TK! I am very excited about working with each and every one of your children! If you have any questions, please email me at: [kristen.young@stmcs.net](mailto:kristen.young@stmcs.net)

Thanks,

Kristen Young

#### Specials Schedule

Monday:	Art 9:45-10:15	PE: 1:05-1:30	
Tuesday:	Library: 9:00-9:30	PE: 1:05-1:30	
Wednesday:	Music: 9:00-9:30	PE: 1:05-1:30	
Thursday:	Spanish: 8:25-8:55	PE: 1:05-1:30	Computers: 2:10-2:40
Friday:	PE: 1:05-1:30	Music: 2:00-2:30	