

Welcome to Christ the King School. We are very excited to meet you and we look forward to teaching your child. The following information is designed to give you an idea of our Pre-Kindergarten program.

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Pre-Kindergarten Day

Our Pre-Kindergarten day consists of whole group activities, small group activities, large motor activities and center activities. We focus on the social, emotional and academic growth of each child. It is important to give children many opportunities to succeed in each area.

The class starts their day with our question of the day. Students will be asked to answer a question of the day by graphing their name on the chart.

Morning meetings and large group activities are when we focus on literacy, social emotional and math skills. We will be using the Frog Street curriculum this school year. We have a message of the day, calendar activities and we go through our schedule for the day. We read books and practice social emotional Second Step lessons.

Next we do our centers. The centers are color coded and the students pick a lanyard with that color on it and go to that center. Centers are a time where students can build, create, write, work on math and science skills, and learn to socialize through mature play.

We will have small group activities. This is a time for students to work on their growing literacy, math, and fine motor skills. They will work in a small group with a few peers and a teacher, or individually practice their developing skills.

Snack and recess are a big part of our Pre-Kindergarten day. A healthy snack and milk are served daily. Recess is a very important time to work on large motor and socialization skills, such as kicking or throwing a ball to another student.

We end our day with a closing group. We will review the activities we did that day and sing our goodbye song.

The Pre-Kindergarten day is filled with many exciting activities. Each day we are learning and discovering new things. We want each child to have fun while also succeeding in the classroom.

Specials

Monday - Music

Tuesday - Mass

Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday - Art

Friday - None

Class Dojo

This year I will be using ClassDojo to encourage important skills like working hard and participating. I'll also use it to communicate with you. We can instantly share messages, updates and photos from class. It's the easiest way for you to see how your child is doing at school. You can use ClassDojo on any device. It is a simple, free mobile app for iOS and Android, and can also be used from a computer at www.classdojo.com. If you are not already connected to ClassDojo, here is our class link to get signed in

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=C55PPP2> (AM Group)

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=C6GQH2N> (PM Group). Appropriate behavior will be recognized in a variety of ways, including Dojo points, stickers, verbal praise, privileges, etc. We will do individual rewards as well as classroom rewards. Students earn Dojo points and then trade points in for rewards. There are many resources included on the Dojo app to help you navigate its different uses. Please take a look at them when you have time. I will be happy to help in any way I can.

Communication

You can communicate with me via Class Dojo or Email. I usually check my email before school and after school and Class Dojo several times throughout the day. I will be checking my Email and Class Dojo during school hours and responding to messages during that time.

Weekly Newsletter

Each week there will be a newsletter posted in Class Dojo. The newsletter has important information about our week and what our learning focus for that week will be. Please make sure to read the newsletter for reminders and updates.

Backpacks/Home Folders

Each student should bring their backpack to school everyday. They will also have a blue folder that will get sent home every Friday. You may use this folder to put any notes and/or money in, if you don't have the folder and want to send something just let me know to check their backpack. I will use the folder to send home student work and any other necessary communication. Students should not bring extra things to school, no toys or stuffed animals, electronics, etc., unless

directed otherwise. They should bring a water bottle with their name on it. Please remember to only send water in the water bottle, no juice, flavored waters, etc.

Religion

We will be using a religion curriculum this school year and attending mass when able to. Our religion curriculum is God Made the World.

Sick Days

It is very important that your child attend class every day. However if your child is sick or not feeling well, please keep him/her at home. If your child misses three or more days of school, he/she will need a doctor's note to return to school. We will also be following the DMPS Attendance & Absence Policy.

Clothing

Please make sure to bring a change of clothes to keep in your child's locker. You should include a shirt, pants, socks, and underwear. Kids do not need to wear a uniform in Pre-Kindergarten.

Recess

Please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing and tennis shoes to school. We will have recess every day for half an hour. This is a time where children will be running and climbing and will need to have appropriate shoes for these activities. **Sandals, flip-flops and dress shoes are not permitted.**

Home Visits

The state of Iowa requires one home visit per family in order for your child to attend the Pre-Kindergarten program. These visits are in person and are held between August 23rd-28th. The visit will only take 10-15 minutes of your time. We will introduce ourselves to you, go over state required paperwork, and talk with your child about the school. This is also a time where we can answer any questions that you may have about our program. Emails are sent out from Ms. Lamp's email about the visits.

DMPS Enrollment

Please note that your child is not fully enrolled until you have completed the online registration through DMPS. Below is the link to the application. We will also need a copy of your child's immunization records and birth certificate if you have not done so yet.

<https://desmoinesia.infinitecampus.org/campus/apps/olr/application/login/kiosk-app-type?configGroupID=11>

School Supply List:

Universal PreKindergarten

Backpack With No Wheels

1-White **1 Inch** 3-Ring Binder With Plastic Cover

1- 24 count pack Crayola Crayons

1- 10 count pack Crayola Broad Line Markers

1- 4 ounce **bottles** Elmer's School Glue

6- Elmer's Glue Sticks

1- Plastic Two-Pocket **Blue** Folder with **no prongs**

2- Reams of Copy Paper

1- Tissue Box

1- Box of Gallon Size Ziploc Bags

2- Packages of Baby Wipes (Cleaning hands/messes)

1-Package of Clorox wipes

2- Paper Towels

A Change of Clothes- socks, shirt, underwear, and pants-labeled with with child's name and in a ziplock bag

Parent Signature:_____ Date:_____