

Kindergarten Philosophy

St. Jude Catholic School

Philosophy and Goals of St. Jude Kindergarten

St. Jude Kindergarten will strive to:

1. Provide a learning environment that will enable children to develop basic skills and concepts that will offer them opportunities for understanding and practicing the Catholic faith.
2. Help children to build a positive self-concept by experiencing success, encouragement, and reinforcement.
3. Provide opportunities for developing greater responsibility in caring for self and others, making choices, participating actively in their learning, and accepting consequences.
4. Guide students in the development of their natural talents according to their own capabilities.
5. Provide opportunities for students to share their God-given talents and gifts. Thus, they begin a habit of contributing in a positive manner to other people's needs.
6. Guide and facilitate students participating in liturgical celebration thus nourishing their daily lives both now and later as adults.
7. Aid parents in the task of preparing their children for growing into mature Christian adults.

Curriculum: Our Catholic faith is integrated throughout our curriculum. The Saint Jude Kindergarten Program follows the standards set by the Archdiocese as well as Indiana State Standards. Our program meets and exceeds these standards by implementing:

Language Arts	Phonics - Comprehension
Religion	Verbal Communication Skills
Personal Relationships	Motor Development
Music	Learning Centers – Individual and Small Group
Writing Skills and Handwriting	Art
Math Readiness	Physical Education
Science	Computer
Health and Safety	Guided Playtime
Social Studies	Reading Stations

Kindergarten Discipline

Discipline in the classroom will be aimed at helping each child to develop habits of safety, consideration, respect, and courtesy in dealing with other individuals and with the class as a whole. A few basic rules will be discussed and established to make our classroom run smoothly.

How Parents Can Help

1. Send your child in tennis shoes daily.
2. Be sure your child gets enough sleep – 10 hours recommended.
3. Start your child's day with a nutritious breakfast.
4. Help your child develop good health and safety practices around the home.
5. Give opportunities for your child to play with other children.
6. Teach your child how to snap, button, and zipper coats and tie his/her shoes.
7. Teach your child his/her name, address, phone number, birthday, and to print his/her first name with the first letter capitalized and remaining letters lowercase.
8. Dress your child appropriately for all seasons as we try to go to recess daily.
9. Encourage your child to follow simple rules of courtesy and good manners.
10. Keep your child in school regularly, except when ill.

What Can You Do To Help Your Child Succeed In Kindergarten?

1. Motivate your child to take responsibility at home. Give them simple tasks to complete. Practice tasks that use sequencing skills (i.e. go upstairs, brush your teeth, and put on your pajamas).
2. Be constantly encouraging and express interest in what your child does in school. Try to get beyond..."We just played."
3. Review schoolwork, projects, and papers with your child as a means of sharing his/her experiences and reinforcing what he/she has learned.
4. Keep your teacher informed of any confusing or negative attitudes or situations which may be disturbing your child.
5. Keep in touch with your child's teacher through weekly newsletters, school newsletters, communication folders, and email.