



Who We Are

About Us

Joyful and authentically Catholic school with a curriculum that provides a foundation in what is good, true and beautiful

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Teacher Biography

Mrs. Nancy Chalifour is a lifelong resident of Manchester, NH. She received her B.A. Degree from Notre Dame College in Manchester, NH, with a minor in Early Childhood Education. She began teaching 4th grade at St. Francis of Assisi School in 1985. When the school decided to add a kindergarten program in 1987, she developed the program and has been a kindergarten teacher ever since. She and her husband Don have been married 32 years and they have 3 grown children. She is a parishioner of St. Pius X where she is active in the Social Committee and Women of Mary. During her free time, she enjoys traveling, reading and spending time at the beach.

Teacher Fun Fact

Mrs. Chalifour has a need for speed and adventure which is satisfied by motorcycling, jet skiing and zip-lining.



KINDERGARTEN



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

9 Saint Francis Way
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Curriculum Summary



Summary of the Year

Beginning kindergarten is an exciting time in your child's life. Your child will meet new teachers and make new friends. It is a time of exploration and wonder. It is our goal to provide opportunities to ensure your child has a happy, exciting and successful school year. The skills learned in kindergarten lay the foundation for future learning. Through literacy centers, math and science activities, music, art and play, children acquire important skills to promote learning in all areas of development.

Specials:

Music, Gym, Library, Creative Movement, Natural Science, Art

YEARLY CURRICULUM

Language Arts

Reading:

Children are introduced to lists of Sight Words. We begin with Pre- Primer and move forward at the child's pace. Word sets are introduced in groups of 12.

Phonics:

This program addresses the principles of phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension and writing.

Grammar:

Phonics, grammar and spelling are developed through daily class letters, predictable charts and journals.

Spelling:

We begin weekly spelling lessons in March. The students study word lists and word family words. This is an example of a spelling word lists: and, the, my, cat and bat.

Penmanship:

Children learn to write capital and lower case letters and numbers. Emphasis is placed on holding a pencil correctly and starting letters at the top.

Social Studies

Summary of Concepts Covered:

My family and My Community; Fire Prevention; Holidays and Famous People that we Honor. Trade books, guest speakers, DVD's and activities are used to introduce children to the Social Studies concepts.

Mathematics

The goal of our math curriculum is to develop a number sense. We use a variety of manipulatives, activities and worksheets. Math skills are reinforced throughout the day in counting, graphing and estimating. Children are also exposed to measurement of time and money.

Science

The following units are taught in Kindergarten: Plants, the Human Body, Our Five Senses, Outer Space and the Rain Forest. We do thematic units incorporating information in all areas of our day. We will complete several hands on activities, and we may do a creative writing project and finish with a play or presentation.

Religion

The kindergarten Religion curriculum emphasizes two key truths of the Faith: God and creation. These key truths form the unifying elements of the lessons. There are 20 basic lessons and 9 liturgical and holiday lessons. Children are taught several prayers: The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Grace before meals and My Guardian Angel. Bible stories are also used to reinforce our lessons.