

Greetings Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten! An exciting year awaits, designed to promote and enhance your child's growth and development. This important year promises to be one filled with discovery and joy as your child works and plays in an environment that is faith-filled, safe, and challenging.

In September, I will be starting my 37th year teaching at St. Francis of Assisi School. I love teaching Kindergarten and watching my students' eyes light up when they start to make connections, begin to read, or grasp math concepts. I love seeing the creativity they bring to art projects, building toys, and the dramatic play area. I look forward to sharing these experiences with your child.

Parents often wonder if their child is ready for Kindergarten. Here are some of the skills I consider important for a successful Kindergarten year:

Your child is able to

- verbalize his/her wants and needs
- follow single and multi step instructions
- wait their turn
- regulate their emotions
- recognize and write their first name
- get themselves dressed
- be independent in the bathroom
- use scissors, glue, crayons and a pencil
- recite the alphabet
- identify most capital letters
- count to 10
- recognize numbers 1-5

Over the summer, I recommend that you read to your child daily, go outside explore, draw a picture and write about these experiences. Collect small objects, sort and count the objects. Practice opening a juice box, a thermos, and a lunch box is always helpful.

I check my e-mail daily, so if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [chalifourn@stfrancisschoolnh.org](mailto:chalifourn@stfrancisschoolnh.org).

Kindergarten is Cool!!!!

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