

Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation  
June 14, 2010

Welcome to Kindergarten at Saint Francis Cathedral School! We are so excited to have you here with us so you can familiarize yourself with some basics. There will be 3 kindergarten classes for the 2010-2011 school year. The teacher in KA is Mrs. Laura Flammia, in KB is Mrs. Rosemarie Olden, and in KC Mrs. Diana Curbelo.

During the summer you will receive a letter to inform you of some first day of school procedures and any other new information. On the first day of school parents will be allowed to escort their children to their classroom to aid in the transition. Parents will remain for a few minutes.

In September there will be a "Back To School Night" which is an opportunity to visit the classroom and the teachers will talk about the curriculum and individual classroom procedures. Here is the general curriculum for all three kindergarten classes: Language Arts (reading, phonics, oral language, and writing), Mathematics, Religion, Handwriting, Science, and Social Studies. The other "special" classes are: Physical Education, Library, Computer, Music, and Art. Our curriculum allows for differentiated instruction, meaning we provide challenges and/or extra support for all students.

The school day begins at 7:50 AM. Kindergarten children are to be brought to the back door of the CPC which will be opened at 7:40 AM. Those in morning care and coming to school on the bus will be brought here by a faculty member from the main building. One of the teacher aides will be waiting to let the children into the building. *Anyone arriving after 7:50 AM will not be allowed to enter and must go to the main office to get a late pass.* Then, the child must be accompanied back to this building where you will ring the buzzer for admittance. Students will not be admitted into the building without a late pass. Promptness is important because the school day begins at 7:50 AM. Tardiness disturbs the class routine and is also disruptive to the Pre-K class which is where the buzzer rings.

The school day ends at 2:30 PM. The children are dismissed in the following manner:

- A faculty member will come here to pick up children taking the bus (bus line) and bring them to the main building where they board the buses.
- A teacher aide will bring children going to aftercare (aftercare line) to the main building and then to the CYO building.

- Faculty members will bring children being picked up in cars to either Elm Street (church line) or Library Place (car line).

As with arrival, it is important to be on time for dismissal. Parents must park their car and wait on the sidewalk for children in car line and church line. No child will be allowed to enter a double-parked vehicle. Once a child is released to their parent or guardian they should leave the grounds. No one will be allowed to remain playing on the grass near the chapel on Library Place or near the Cathedral on Elm Street. This will be enforced for safety reasons and out of respect for those praying inside these buildings.

During the first two weeks of school, the children need to wear a label stating your choice for dismissal. For example: John Doe or Jane Doe  
Car Line Bus #5

Morning care and aftercare is available. Information regarding these services is available at the school office upon request.

Since we are in a separate building from the main school, we do leave the building for our special classes and lunch. Lunch is held in the cafeteria with the first grade classes. There is a twenty minute lunch period and twenty minutes outdoor recess, weather permitting. After lunch is a fifteen minute quiet time when the children are allowed to use the bathroom and settle down after recess. On rainy days the children must have a hooded raincoat or hooded jacket because children are not permitted to carry umbrellas as a safety precaution.

Mid-morning we have snack time. The children should bring from home a healthy snack and a small bottle of water. No juice boxes are allowed at snack time. Lunch can be brought from home or purchased through the "Hot Lunch Program" offered. Milk, water, and snacks are available for purchase. Details regarding menus and ordering will be sent during the summer.

The children are required to follow the uniform dress code found in the handbook. All uniforms are purchased from Flynn & O'Hara. (see attached)

**\*\* Be sure all garments are labeled with child's name and grade.**

Communication between parents and teachers is crucial and there are many ways for this to happen. The easiest way is to send in a note in your child's folder marked to the teacher's attention or through school e-mail. Individual teacher's e-

mail addresses will be given in September. This year, as in the past, SFCS will be online using Power Grade. More detailed information will be explained in September.

Also, on Wednesdays the "Family Envelopes" are distributed. These envelopes contain information from the H.S.A. and school wide activities. You are asked to remove and read the information, sign the envelope, and return it to school the next day.

Homework is given Monday - Thursday nights, no homework on Friday. Homework will be a review of work covered in class and the children will need some amount of adult supervision. However, once explained the children should be able to complete the work independently. All homework should be checked, corrected, and signed by the parents, and returned to school in the child's folder.

SFCS has implemented the following Food Allergy Plan:

- The school has been declared a "peanut and tree nut safe zone." This means that peanut and tree nut [products will not be allowed in the school at any time. Please read all ingredient labels carefully and do not send any peanuts or tree nut products to be eaten in the school. This includes items with warnings such as "may contain traces of peanuts" or "manufactured on equipment that also processes peanuts and tree nuts."
- Food items which are brought to school to be shared by the class must be store-bought and have a readable list of ingredients. No home-baked goods will be permitted. (This includes any food brought in for birthdays or other special celebrations).
- If your child eats peanut butter for breakfast, we would greatly appreciate your making sure that his/her hands are washed with soap and water before leaving for school. Water alone and/or hand sanitizers do not do the trick!

#### Supplies for Kindergarten

At the beginning of the year we collect a \$35.00 fee which covers the cost of folders, writing journals, Time For Kids, a seat sack and other supplies used in the classroom throughout the year for various projects. Please send this in during the first week of school in an envelope marked with your child's name and grade. Checks should be made payable to SFCS. Below is a list of school supplies each child needs and should bring with them on the first day of school.

A sturdy backpack  
One plastic supply box  
One box of Ticonderoga No. 2 Pencils

Four large Elmer's glue sticks  
Two boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons  
One Fiskars scissors

Finally, we call upon your generosity in asking for the following classroom supplies which can be sent in during the second week of school:

Four boxes of tissues  
Four rolls of paper towels  
One container of disinfectant wipes  
One can of Lysol disinfectant spray  
Two containers of "baby" wipes  
One package of 12" white paper plates  
One package of plastic spoons  
One package of plastic forks  
Two boxes of Ziploc gallon size bags  
One box of Ziploc sandwich size bags

Thank you for your generosity and kindness and especially for entrusting your children to us here at Saint Francis Cathedral School.

Have a safe and blessed summer!  
See you in September!

Mrs. Flammia KA  
Mrs. Olden KB  
Mrs. Curbelo KC

## Kindergarten Summer Reading List

Dear Kindergarten Students and Parents,

We hope you enjoy reading the books we have selected for the summer. The children are required to read together with you all five of the books on the list; however, you only need to complete the attached book report for your favorite one. Throughout the school year, we will reread all the summer reading books. We will incorporate them into our reading series with fun projects and activities.

Most of the books can be found in your local libraries or, if you prefer, can be purchased at local book sellers, such as Barnes & Noble.

Up, Up, Up! It's Apple Picking Time  
Author: Jody Fickes Shapiro

Farms Feed the World  
Author: Sullivan Hill

Snowmen at Night  
Author: Caralyn Buehner

Zara's Hats  
Author: Paul Meisel

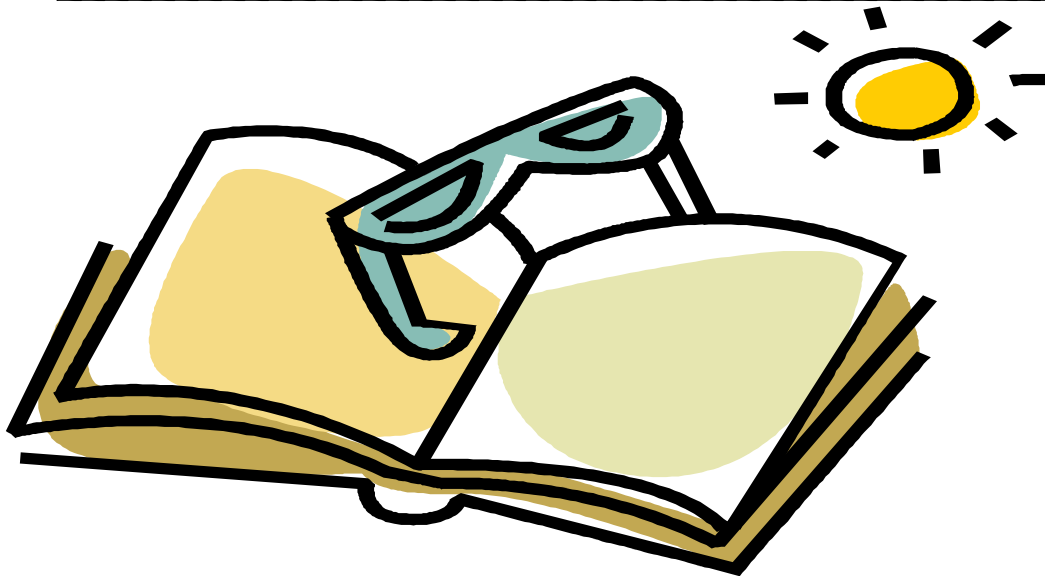
The Kite Festival  
Author: Leyla Torres

HAPPY SUMMER READING!

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# Kindergarten Book Report

Name \_\_\_\_\_



Author \_\_\_\_\_

Illustrator \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite part \_\_\_\_\_

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Draw a picture of your favorite part!