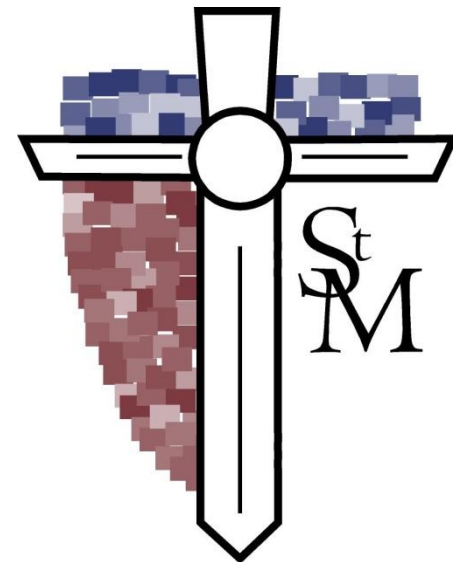


St. Michael Catholic School



Pre-school Handbook

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ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of St. Michael Catholic School to teach students to develop their intellects, imaginations, hearts and souls. This Catholic Institution welcomes diversity and fosters community in an atmosphere of mutual respect. St. Michael Catholic School encourages the students to strive for personal and academic excellence and to seek justice through actions inspired by Gospel values.

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Our classrooms are places where children are well cared for and safe. Young children need teachers who have the resources to work with them...individually, in small groups and as an entire class... to develop their cognitive and social skills, language abilities, and interest in learning new things about the world.

St Michael School provides a curriculum which helps children build a strong foundation in the skills needed for success in school as well as their life. Children at St. Michael are valued for their individual differences and each child is encouraged to develop, grow, and learn while being supported by qualified staff.

The developmental needs of each child are taken into consideration when planning and implementation occurs, realizing that each child is unique and has their own specific needs. Academic excellence is encouraged while children are in the process of developing their intellects, imaginations, hearts and souls.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR PRE-K4

Language / Literacy

- Matches spoken words that begin with same sound
- Demonstrate understanding of rhyming words
- Names first letter of printed words
- Claps or taps for each syllable of a word
- Sorts letters from other symbols
- Attempts to write and names letters in print (especially in own name)

Mathematics

- Uses one-to one correspondence in counting
- Names numerals in print and matches numbers to sets
- Combines, separates and sorts objects
- Groups and orders by size
- Identifies, copies and expands patterns



Science

- Uses senses to observe, describe and compare objects and events to make predictions
- Uses a variety of tools and measuring devices to gather information

Creative Arts

- Moves to music
- Expresses creativity through a variety of art experiences

Social / Emotional

- States Names
- Follows classroom rules or rules of a simple game
- Listens to teachers and other children
- Participates in cooperative play, both structured and unstructured

Approaches to Learning

- Shows initiative and curiosity while choosing and participating in a variety of activities
- Attends to a single task for an increasing amount of time

Physical / Health

- Builds with blocks
- Assembles puzzles
- Lacing, cutting, and use of fine motor skill activities
- Dance, exercise, games and use of large motor skills



These objectives are for children at the end of the school year.
Pre-K objectives include Pre-school objectives

YOUR TEACHER: Mrs. Christina Meza

Parents can reach us at 360-568-0821. My email address is: c.meza@smpschoool.org. It is helpful to know if your child will not be in attendance on any given day. This information can be left on our voicemail.

PARKING:

Preschoolers should be dropped off in front of the school by the “cones”. A staff member will then come to your car and take your child at drop off and we will put your child in the car at pick up or if you need to talk to us please park and come inside the class classroom. If there are too many students that clutter up the hallways it could become a fire hazard with a lot of people. Thank you for your cooperation.

PICK UP:

If someone else will be picking up your child please let us know verbally or with a note to school with your child. Please let us know if there are any special arrangements or changes concerning your child’s care.

CLASS DAYS and TIME:

PRE-K Class: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Preschool Class: Tuesday and Thursday
8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

DAY AT SCHOOL:

Children will participate DAILY in: free play, table top projects and games, circle time (consisting of prayer, calendar, weather lesson on theme of the month or other focus such as alphabet, stories, outside play (weather permitting), finger plays, songs, dance/movement, “show and tell”, snack, and other timely activities.

Pre-K Children will participate in going to mass every other week for the Children’s Mass and should wear their White Polo with the St Michael Logo.

DAILY SCHEDULE:

8:30 Free Play
 9:00 Circle
 9:30 Art and Academics
 10:00 Snack
 10:20 Books and Puzzles
 10:30 Outside Time
 11:00 Manipulatives
 11:30 Goodbye

**EARTHQUAKE KIT:**

- ❖ 2 Boxed Drinks
- ❖ 1 Space Blanket (target)
- ❖ 2 Cans of Food with pop top
- ❖ 2 Cans of Dessert with pop top
- ❖ 2 Plastic Spoons
- ❖ 1 Small Package of Tissue
- ❖ 2 Packages of Granola Bars or Cheese and Cracker type
- ❖ 1 Package Moist Towelettes
- ❖ 2 Family Photos

Please send in a big Ziploc bag labeled with your child’s name on it

LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR Pre-school 3**Language / Literacy**

- Demonstrates an understanding of new vocabulary words by following directions
- Uses new vocabulary words in conversation
- Repeats short rhymes and songs
- Listens to books, stories and poems
- Chooses books
- Predicts what will happen next in stories

Mathematics

- Counts by rote
- Names and matches geometric shapes
- Sorts and names colors

BIRTHDAYS:

If your child has a birthday coming up he/she may bring something to share with the class, Please keep in mind the peanut allergies. Your child will receive a birthday crown and card and get to pick something from the treasure Box!

SHARING BOX:

Each child will get to take the sharing box home several times throughout the year. This plastic box has a lid and is easy to carry. Your child may pick a few things to put in the box to bring back to share with the class. Please make sure when it is your child's day the box comes back to school so someone else has a turn. The children love the sharing box.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST:

- ❖ 8 Glue Sticks
- ❖ 1 PKG Construction Paper
- ❖ 1 Box Kleenex
- ❖ Hand Sanitizer
- ❖ Paper Towel Roll
- ❖ Crayons
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ School Box
- ❖ Markers
- ❖ Wet Wipes
- ❖ Water Color Paints
- ❖ 1 Peechee
- ❖ Back Pack

WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS:

Each child should have a LARGE backpack or bag every day. He/She will have papers and projects to bring to home most days, which we

want to keep dry and unwrinkled.

Each child should also be dressed in weather appropriate clothes. We play on the playground as much as possible. Please make sure your child has a coat or sweater and play shoes.

In preschool we expect all children to be potty-trained. However an occasional accident can happen, so if you think your child needs a change of clothes, put them in a zip lock bag with his/her name on it and we will keep them for emergencies.

Toys and other items from home should not be brought to school (except "show and Tell"). We do not want items to be lost or misplaced in the classroom.

FIELD TRIPS:

In October we will visit the Pumpkin Patch with both Classes. In April or May we will visit the Children's Museum. Parents will transport the Children. Permission slips must be returned prior to field trip, more information about field trips will be provided as the dates approach.

PROGRAMS:

We have a Christmas program in December where we sing a few songs, also we have a talent show in which the whole school participates in including the teachers! It is usually held in the Spring and it is always fun to see the little ones perform well entertaining!

**CONFERENCES:**

Conferences are scheduled in the fall and the spring for Pre-K ONLY. This is a time for parents to talk to the teachers about how their child is doing in class or to discuss any concerns you might have. You are always welcome to talk to us anytime about your child as the need arises. Three report cards will be given out during the year around conferences, this is a great way for you to know what your child should know and is learning at school.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Monthly Calendar- At the beginning of each month we will provide a preschool calendar showing the month's theme and daily activities along with other important information. PLEASE BE SURE YOU RECEIVE ONE EACH MONTH. This is our best way to communicate with you, Keeping you informed as to what the children are doing.

E-mail is another way we communicate special events and reminders.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS:

Parent Volunteers start in mid October, a sign-up sheet will go home every month so parents can sign up if they would like to volunteer in the classroom and then it is returned to school. Ms.

Christina then posts a volunteer schedule on the bulletin board outside her office. All volunteers must complete the "Safe Environment" class before volunteering.

SNACKS:

There is a scheduled snack time everyday at school. The School will provide a snack daily. Parents are asked to bring a \$5.00 donation for the snacks. When more money is needed a note or e-mail will go home.