

Kindergarten Readiness:

A child who is ready for Kindergarten demonstrates the following behaviors:

- Assembles simple puzzles.
- Can trace a square, cross and circle.
- Knows how to zip and button.
- Can print and recognize first name.
- Takes care of toileting and self-care needs.
- Can be separated from parents for several hours.
- Shows curiosity and interest about school.
- Demonstrates cooperative play skills.
- Can sit quietly in a group without being disruptive.
- Enjoys listening to stories.
- Speech is easily understandable.
- Shows interest in working with art supplies.
- Can follow a three-step simple direction.

Holy Name Catholic School

Kindergarten Program



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Holy Name Kindergarten Program

Holy Name School's Kindergarten program is a full-day program including a 50 minute lunch/recess. (8:20 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.)

Children must be five years old by December 1st to be eligible.

Philosophy

We Believe:

- That children are unique individuals who develop at various rates.
- That children learn from each other.
- That play is an important part of the learning process.
- That children need a warm and stimulating environment.
- That children learn best through hands-on experiences.

MISSION STATEMENT

We endeavor to create a Catholic community which promotes the development of lifelong learners dedicated to living the Gospel message.

Program Highlights

Math

- A hands-on approach to learning how to count, develop patterns, write numbers, sort, graph, recognize shapes, measure, count money and tell time.

Science

- Children are taught about animals, plants and material composition through a hands-on curriculum.

Reading/Literacy Development

- Visual discrimination of upper and lower case letters
- Printing
- Letter sounds
- Development of oral vocabulary and sight words
- Exposure to a variety of children's literature and authors
- Independent reading
- Exposure to many forms of oral and written language
- Independent writing opportunities
- Knowledge that reading provides both enjoyment and information

Program Highlights Continued

Play based learning centers

- Role play
- Building
- Listening
- Computers
- Games
- Writing
- Math
- Art projects
- Reading

Through play, children will develop social skills, problem solving techniques, a positive self-concept, creativity and cognitive skills.

Religion

- Instruction in the classroom as well as attendance at school liturgies.

Weekly Classes

Kindergarten students participate in 40 minutes of the following classes each week:

- Physical Education
- Art
- Computer
- Library
- Music