

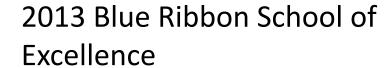
PK & Kindergarten Parent Meeting





"One of pillars of Catholic education is the recognition of parents as primary educators of children. Most Blessed Sacrament recognizes that it is our privilege and responsibility to partner with parents in the education of our students."







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Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School serves our Church, its families and the community by nurturing Gospel values, academic excellence, and a lifetime of prayer and service.

What to Expect

- Introduction to the structure of the school day
- Focus on independence, responsibility, and social skills
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Staggered entry
- Systematic way of teaching procedures





Developmentally Appropriate,
Differentiated Curriculum

Provides instruction in the following 4 developmental areas:

- **♦**Social
- *****Emotional
- **♦**Intellectual
- Physical

- Primary goal is to teach foundational, academic skills in a safe and healthy Catholic Environment
- Instruction is guided by grade and age level expectations
- Curriculum meets and exceeds National Standards for Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies





Inside the Classrooms...you will see

- Whole Group Instruction
- Hands—on Academic Instruction
- Child-Centered Activities
- Interactive Learning
- Differentiated Instruction
- Student Engagement





Inside the Classrooms...you will

- Students working individually and in small and large groups
 - Activities that are concrete, real, and relevant to the child.
 - Teachers accommodating for a wide range of developmental differences
 - Materials are adjusted to meet the changing academic and developmental needs of children.



- Enrichment classes that enhance academic instruction and development
 - PK Music, Computer, PE, & Library
 - K Music, Art, Computer, PE, Spanish Library



Health & Safety

- On-site Nurse Maintain current immunization records
- Administer first aid as needed
- Monitor students with diabetes daily
- Monitors students with allergies
- Peanut "aware"
- Breathing treatments for students with asthma

- Yearly vision and hearing screenings (K only)
- Administer prescription medication as needed
- Track special medical needs of students
- Fire & Crisis response drills
- Health Classes
- CPR and First Aid
- Security Guards

Discipline = Formation

- The goal of discipline is "to teach"
- Effective discipline requires a partnership between teachers and families
- Our expectations foster self-esteem, love of self and self-discipline
- It allows for a safe, nurturing, peaceful environment that is conducive to learning.

Behavior Expectations

- Playing nicely with friends
- Respecting and caring for one another, our materials and our learning environment
- Showing respect for everyone
- Moving from place to place safely
- Appropriate behavior in classrooms, bathroom, church, playground, cafeteria and gym

Discipline Techniques

- "Ask Me About" Sheets in Folder
- Parental Assistance
- Modeling Expectations
- Daily Communication
- Re-direction
- Behavioral Contracts
- Active listening and responsive language
- Supervision
- Administrative assistance
- Guidance assistance

Commonl y-Asked Questions About PK & K



Is this "real" school?

- ❖ School hours 7:50 am 2:45 pm
 - Absences and Tardiness
 - Carpool
 - Before and After Care Program
 - Bus
 - School and Class Expectations
- Policies and procedures Handbook
- Health Issues

What Does their Day look like?

- Calendar Math
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Recess
- **♦** Lunch (10:30)

- Literacy/Math Centers
- Nap and Snack
- Religion
- Math
- Computer/PE/Music/ Library/Art
- Recess

What about uniforms????

Girls

- Smock Dress with under bloomer (school plaid, grey, navy or black).
- Short-sleeve, flat jersey knit, banded shirts (pique knit is not acceptable) are required when worn with shorts. Official navy uniform pants.
- Smocked Dress is the dress uniform and must be worn on Picture day, Mass days (Thursdays) and other designated days with MBS monogrammed crew socks.
- Only a solid white t-shirt or white or nude undergarments may be worn under the official school shirt. There are to be no logos or print of any kind on the t-shirt/undergarments.
- All other uniform guidelines must be followed.





What about uniforms????

Boys

- White flat jersey knit (pique knit not acceptable); long or short sleeve
- Pants and shorts are button or elastic waist Belts are not required.
- Thursday) and special days designated by the school administration. Official white oxford button down shirt with school logo and must be worn tucked in with official navy blue long uniform pants. MBS monogrammed socks must be worn.
- All other uniform guidelines must be followed.



Where do I get them?





Not Young Fashions on Coursey

What about School Supplies?

School supplies for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten were paid for with the payment of registration and fees.



What do I need to buy this summer?

- **Uniforms**
- Regular-size Backpack
- Spill-proof Water bottle
- Lunchbox









What does my child eat?



- Menu posted on website monthly
- MySchoolBucks.com (loaded the first week of school)
- Lunchbox option easy open items
- Snacks provided

Does my child need to nap?

- Naptime daily
- PK is 60 minutes; K is 30 minutes
- Nap mats provided in school supplies
- Rest quietly or sleep required no blankets, stuffed animals

Will my child learn about our Catholic Faith?

- Focus on acts of service and kindness
- Daily religious instruction
- Academic instruction infused with our Catholic teachings
- K Weekly Mass
- PK Periodic Mass
- Celebration of Holy Days



What does Homework look like?

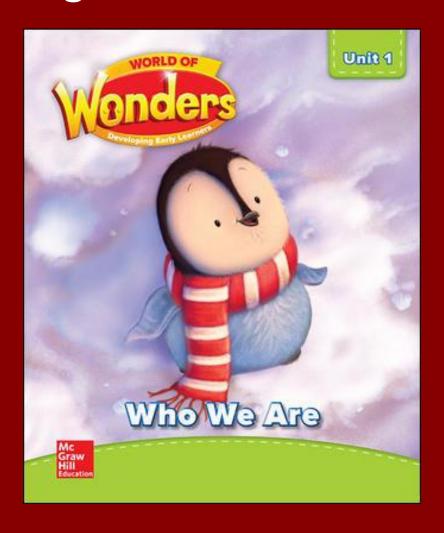
- PK occasional handwriting & small family projects quarterly
- ♦ K monthly ELA calendars
- ♦ K weekly IXL exercises
- Reading logs for both grades

Will my child learn to read?

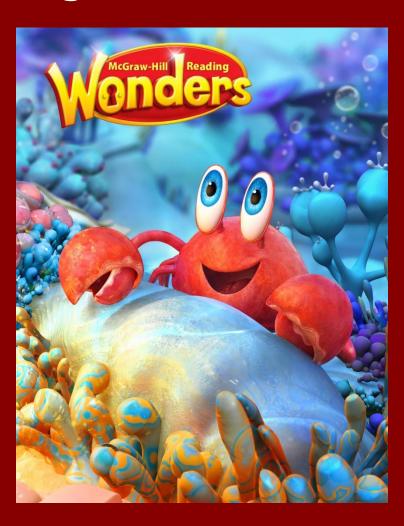
- Provide literature –rich environment
- Phonics
- Sight Words
- Literacy Stations/Centers
- Guided Reading Groups
 - Teacher directed
 - Leveled reading
 - Reading Enrichment
 - Library (AR if ready)



Pre-Kindergarten - World of Wonders



Kindergarten – Wonders



Will my child learn math?

- Recognize and understand meaning of number and numerals
- Build concepts of operations based upon counting and math fluency
- Add and Subtract 0-5
- Build concepts of quantity, size, volume and relationships



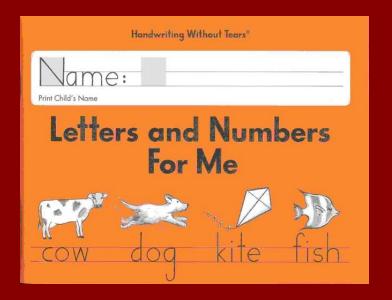
"Guiding Kinders" Math

Will my child learn to write?

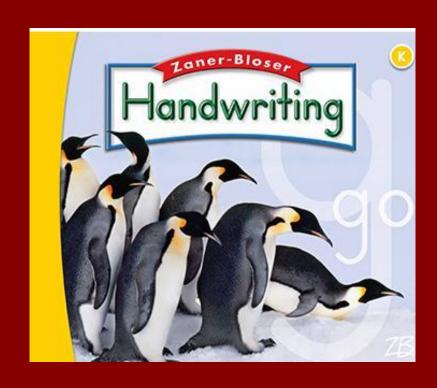


- Fine motor skills
 - ◆ PK HWT
 - ♦ K Zaner Bloser
 - Morning routine
 - Group activities
 - Literacy Stations
- Shared writing
- Phonemic awareness and invented spelling

Handwriting Without Tears Pre-K



Zaner Bloser K



Handwriting Cursive Alphabet a Bloca Dd E	ie Ff
Le Mm nm C Qg Rer Ss Ti Vr Ww Xn Yn 1234567	Handwriting Manuscript Alphabet Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



Will there be grades?

- Quarterly Report Cards
- Skills-based assessment
 - ♦ S = Masters a skill
 - ♦ NI = Needs Improvement
 - **♦** U = Skill Unsatisfactory
- ❖ Conferences 1st & 3rd Nine-weeks and as needed
- Students CAN be Retained if Skills are not met

ľ	Follows multi-step oral directions promptly.	S
ľ	Displays self-control.	S
ľ	Holds writing instruments correctly.	S
	Holds and uses scissors comfortably.	S
ľ	Demonstrates respect for self, others, and belongings.	S
ľ	Demonstrates self-help skills.	NI
	Stays on task.	S
ľ	Listens attentively.	NI

Will my child be able to participate in athletics?

- ❖ PE weekly
- ♦ Fall Flag Football
- Winter Basketball
- ❖ Spring T-Ball
- Soccer



How Do I help my Child Transition to Pre-K?

- Practice self-help skills
- Complete Bathroom Independence
- Play with playdough to strengthen motor skills
- Follow Multi-step directions
- Read to your child

How Do I help my Child Transition to Kindergarten?

- Practice cutting skills
- Recognize and write name
- Identify letter & letter sounds
- Identify numbers and count to 20

How do I get involved?

- 20-hour volunteer requirement (10 first year)
- Home and School Association
- Room Volunteers
- Newsletter
- Diocesan Child Protection
 - www.mbsbr.org
 - **♦** Parents
 - **♦ Volunteer Certification**



How do I stay informed?

Classroom Communication

- e-mail (preferred)
- Google sites
- Phone Calls
- Remind

School-wide Communication

- Pelican Express is emailed on Thursdays
- Sunday evening email reminding families of upcoming events.
- mbsbr.org

K Classroom Sites



Where do I find more info?



FACTS



Pelican Express



Mbsbr.org

