

# **ALL ABOUT ST. ANTONINUS SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN**

## **CLASS TIME: 7:45-11:15 a.m.**

### **Arrival:**

Kindergarten students may enter the building through the classroom glass door at 7:30 a.m. Please enter the grounds off of Sylved Lane and follow the traffic pattern around the back of the building. You may drop off between the designated areas. Crossing guards are available to assist. If you wish to walk your child to the door, you will need to pull into a parking spot on the left side of the driveway (by the fence) and escort your child to the door.

### **Dismissal:**

The students will be dismissed at the Kindergarten door at 11:15 a.m. Please enter and exit the grounds from Linneman Road for dismissal, since the lower parking lot will be closed off for lunch recess.

### **Extended Day Option:**

Kindergarten students may extend their day with a kindergarten enrichment program offered by A Child's Garden, located on the campus of St. Antoninus. The students will have lunch and engage in many exciting developmental activities. This program is offered Monday-Friday from 11:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Parents may choose the number of days they are interested in their child attending. For further information, contact Marty Smith at 513-451-0330 or [www.achildsgarden.us](http://www.achildsgarden.us).

### **After School Care Program:**

After school care is available for students from 2:30-6 p.m. For further information, contact Deacon Bob Schroeder at 513-922-4759.

### **Snack:**

There will be a rotating snack schedule sent home monthly. White and chocolate milk, as well as orange drink, may be purchased at the beginning of each semester.

### **Uniform:**

The Kindergarten students are asked to comply with the school uniform policy as stated in the school handbook. For your child's peace of mind, comfort, security, and independence in the use of the bathroom, please be sure they are able to manage the buttons, snaps, zippers, and belt buckles on their slacks and shorts.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

There will be plenty of opportunities throughout the school year for you to be involved in Kindergarten:

- Special snack supplies provider.
- Take-home work for our classroom such as cutting, collating, laundering paint shirts, providing needed supplies for the classroom, developing photos taken of various activities, etc.
- Assisting the room parents with parties.
- Special activity helper.
- Computer room helper.
- Art volunteer in the classroom or their assistant.

For further school information you may want to refer to the St. Antoninus Handbook that you will receive soon, or visit our school website at [www.saintantoninus.org](http://www.saintantoninus.org), or feel free to call the school office at 513-922-2500.

# **St. Antoninus Kindergarten Program**

## **Language Arts**

A Kindergarten Reading Readiness Program by Scott Foresman is used in conjunction with the Sounds Great letter program to create a balanced literacy curriculum.

Phonemic Awareness, phonics, and high frequency words will be incorporated into our daily lessons. A wide variety of children's literature will be presented throughout the year intertwined with daily shared and independent writing to foster a love for reading and writing. Special theme days and monthly cooking projects will correspond with our themes of the week.

## **Math**

Manipulatives are used to help the students explore math and relate it to their world as they solve problems and share discoveries. The following concepts may be introduced throughout the year:

Numeral Recognition	Patterns
Ordinal Numbers	Sorting
Shapes	Equal Parts
More, Less, Fewer, Most, Least	Ordering
Set Recognition	Sequencing
1 to 1 Correspondence	Graphing
Counting by 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's	Estimation
Addition	Measurement
Subtraction	

## **Science and Social Studies**

Various concepts will be introduced through a variety of hands-on activities.

## **Religion**

Our religion series, Faith First, guides the teachers in working with families to develop the Catholic identity of their children. This year will focus on core teachings of the Catholic Church, Bible stories, and celebrations of the seasons and special days of the Church year. Service projects throughout the year will help us apply Jesus' teachings to our lives.

## **Music, Art and Gym**

These areas of concentration are incorporated into our daily activities in the classroom. We attend music and gym once a week and are privileged to have the Art Volunteers program once a month.

## **Computer and Library**

We visit the computer lab and the school library on a weekly basis.

## **Homework**

The concept of homework will be introduced to promote personal responsibility and to review concepts taught.

Many parents are interested in how they can assist their child's readiness for Kindergarten. The following are some ideas for working with your child:

- Read to your child each day. Encourage your child to talk about the pictures, predict what may happen next, and talk about new words they meet. Notice environmental print that they can already read (i.e., STOP sign, EXIT, McDonald's sign, Krogers, etc.). They will begin to realize how much fun reading and learning can be!
- Provide your child with frequent opportunities to use a "fat" pencil, fat crayons, and a pair of children's scissors. Encourage them to cut, draw, glue, scribble and create. Play-Doh and squeezing a soft rubber type ball are helpful in the development of small muscles needed for writing, cutting, coloring and successfully unbuttoning, zipping, snapping and belt buckling of pants. Their confidence level and self-esteem will increase when they know they can do it "all by myself."
- Provide your child with opportunities to be a good listener and practice taking turns when speaking. Setting a good example by being a good listener when your children are sharing their thoughts and ideas is very helpful, and shows them that what they have to say is valued.
- Most importantly, HAVE FUN WITH YOUR CHILD and ENJOY LETTING YOUR CHILD BE A CHILD!

### **Kindergarten Goals**

- Each child will be provided with experiences to assist them in knowing that they are special, unique, and respected as an individual and as a child of God.
- Each child will be provided with experience to assist them in nurturing a love of learning and a love of reading to carry with them throughout their life.
- Each child will be provided with opportunities to assist them in learning to successfully adjust socially and emotionally to group situations.

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