

KINDERGARTEN

Could it be that 5 year-old children can be dynamic learners who are thrilled to learn about the pyramids of ancient Egypt, the value of the units in the tens place, and the story of Gideon battling the Midianites?

If you agree, then you will be interested in having your child receive a Catholic, classical education at Holy Family Academy. At the grammar stage of the classical trivium, students love to absorb knowledge and revel in their own ability to process through it. A good classical program has for its youngest students a language element steeped in phonemic awareness, and a literary emphasis rich in facts and fancies. We teach Spalding's *The Writing Road to Reading*, and kindergarten students are immersed in a stimulating program of reading, history, Latin, math, science, and, most especially, religion.

The focus on religion as the integrating principle is the reason we can say that classical education is "an education for eternity". Come see this surprisingly sophisticated learning take place in a totally age-appropriate manner and see the wonder on our students' faces as they get to experience it.

KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

READING/WRITING/SPELLING/PHONICS

Kindergarten reading begins with Zoophonics, learning letters and sounds. Next, the students begin reading Palo Alto Phonetic Readers. They finish the year with Seton Faith and Freedom Readers. These readers help increase vocabulary and improve fluency and comprehension using stories with traditional family values and a Catholic perspective.

The Spalding Writing the Road to Reading program is implemented for spelling, writing, and decoding words. This program also includes reading comprehension skills.

The teacher reads classical literature stories to the class and discusses the elements of narrative and informative writing, such as characters, setting, beginning, events, ending, problems, topic, facts, etc.

MATH

The kindergarten math program is split into two parts. The students review Singapore Math Level A and complete Level B. They move into Saxon 1 Math for the remainder of the year. Topics include learning number order 0 – 100, addition, subtraction, patterns, measurement, time, money, calendars, geometric shapes, graphing, and mental math. Many math manipulatives are used to ensure that the students understand the subject's underlying concepts

RELIGION

Students are taught the love of God and the teachings of the Catholic faith. Using the Image of God series and the Bible, the topics include: the Holy Trinity, angels, grace, the 10 Commandments, sin, forgiveness, Sacraments, the Apostles, miracles, prayers, the Rosary and Old/New Testament Bible stories. They also learn about Jesus and Mary, the saints and holy days. Daily prayer intentions are written and prayed for during Mass and class prayer times. Kindergarteners have the option of attending daily Mass with their teacher and an eighth grade buddy.

LATIN

Students memorize Latin prayers including the Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, Meal Prayer, Pater Noster and Ave Maria.

KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

SCHOOL DAYS: MONDAY – FRIDAY

Hours: 8:45 - 3:00

CURRICULUM INCLUDES

- Morning Meeting
- Math Meeting
- Math Instruction
- Language Arts
 - Reading, Spelling, Writing, Literacy centers
 - We will listen to and discuss classic literature
 - [Spalding Phonics](#)
 - Memorization and recitation of poetry
- Religion with Latin prayers
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Centers/Free Choice
- Music and Library
- Science
- History
- Art
- P.E

Students have the opportunity to take violin lessons once a week.

"We were blessed to have a daughter in kindergarten last year. It was a joy to see her learn to read and write so well. She thrived in the nurturing Christ centered environment. We are amazed by how much she has grown in knowledge and virtue!"

Rochelle and Tom Horinek
Parents of four students and three graduates

TRUTH GOODNESS BEAUTY

The timeless qualities of a Catholic, classical education