



Saint Vincent's Day Home
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2014-15 Five-Year-Olds Program Goals & Objectives

Kindergarten is an exciting and challenging experience for you and your child. This year your child will be building social and academic skills he or she will use throughout their years in school and beyond. We look forward to being part of this process.

In small groups the children will work to develop a strong academic foundation for later learning. Our whole language program uses literature to build reading and writing skills. Our math program will use manipulatives to make abstract concepts concrete for the children. The children will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on science activities. In social studies they will gain an understanding of themselves and others.

In large groups the children will work to gain a sense of community and to cooperate with and respect others. We will study music, health, physical education and nutrition. There will also be a time for the children to share their special weekend experiences. Choice activities (art, dramatic play, work jobs and manipulative) are planned to instill a sense of independence, pride, dignity, self-worth and self-esteem.

We will provide opportunities for the children to learn about and appreciate the cultural contributions of each ethnic group represented in the class by providing cultural experiences through hands on explorations and activities. We will develop a multi-cultural display center in the classroom.

As teachers and parents, we will work together in the development and education of your child that will prepare him/her to be self-confident and prepared for the future ahead.

Goals and Objectives:

1. Build, promote and provide opportunities to develop positive self-esteem, pride, loyalty and accountability.
2. Develop consistent and positive work habits.
3. Provide experiences that will develop and enhance critical thinking and problem solving skills.
4. Provide experiences that will strengthen and enhance the ability to communicate and interact with others.
5. Prepare each child for elementary school, focusing on both academic readiness and social expectations.
6. Promote a positive home/school connection through parent and teacher interactions and by encouraging parent involvement.

How we plan to meet goals and objectives:

- 1. To provide learning experiences that will build, promote and develop positive self-esteem, pride, loyalty and accountability.**
 - Children will participate in work-jobs, cooking projects, art, computer activities, and cultural enrichment activities.
 - Children will develop loyalty as they work together and follow classroom safety rules.
 - Children will gain experiences in accountability as they engage in group games, role-playing and verbal interactions.

- 2. To develop consistent and positive work habits**
 - Choose and complete tasks and projects
 - Involvement in small group learning experiences, teacher's helper tasks and free choice activities.

- 3. Provide experiences that will develop and enhance critical thinking and problem solving techniques.**
 - Participate in math activities which involve comparing/contracting amounts, numbers time concepts and spatial relations.
 - Problem solve through verbal communication, role-play classification and math activities.
 - Children will experience mistakes as part of the learning experience and that mistakes can be corrected.

- 4. To Provide experiences that will strengthen and enhance their ability to communicate and interact with others.**
 - Children will participate in circle time and small group activities, using books, puppets and tapes. Children will share weekend experiences in both large and small group situations. Daily interactions will be encouraged by the teaching team.
 - Opportunities for role-playing and language arts experiences will enhance skills in this area.

- 5. Prepare each child for elementary school, focusing on both academic readiness and social expectations.**
 - Participation in a well-planned curriculum that supports kindergarten academic learning expectations.
 - Participation in cultural and community awareness activities.
 - "Homework" experiences that support and enhance learning taking place at school.

- 6. Promote a positive home/school connection through parent and teacher interactions and by encouraging parent involvement.**
 - Communicate with parents daily regarding their child's day, encouraging parents to support learning experiences in the home environment if required.
 - Expect that parents will support their child in completing the "Homework" packets when they are sent home.
 - Expect parents to share their child's growth and concerns so that teaching staff can be supportive.
 - Encourage parents to support classroom and agency meetings.
 - Encourage parent participation for special events and field trip experiences.