



Kindergarten Back to School Night

Monday, September 18, 2023
Holy Cross Regional Catholic
School

Curriculum and Topics Covered

Religion: *Loyola's Christ Our Life* (Church year, important people in the church, holy days and special days in the church.)

Math: *Sadlier 's Progress in Mathematics*(Sorting; Introduction to Geometry, Adding, Subtracting, Graphing, Place Value;Numbers to 30;Counting to 100;Patterns; Measurement).

ELA: *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt INTO Reading, Heggerty Bridge to Reading* (letter recognition, letter sounds, decoding words, reading simple sentences, writing, story retelling, and comprehension skills, handwriting).

Science/Social Studies: Weather, Matter, Day/Night, Plants, Animal/Habitats, Science Tools,Scientific Method, STEM; Social Studies –holidays and important people in our country, community, introduction to map skills (We use literature, Interactive Panel Activities, and INTO Science.)

Specials

Specials are on an A-E Rotation. Times and rotation vary depending upon the classroom. See your teacher's class page for details:

- **A Day - Art with Mrs. Amy Anderson (art room)**
- **B Day - Library with Ms. Laura Hritz (library)**
- **C Day - Music with Mrs. Harris (in the classroom)**
- **D Day - Gym with Mrs. Stacey Mauer (gym)**
- **E Day -STREAM with Mrs. Karen DeSimone (Stream lab)**

A Typical Day

- **Free Play and Routine Upon Arrival**
- **Morning Meeting /Calendar Time**
- **Religion**
- **Math**
- **Morning Snack (1-2 small snacks, drink is optional)**
- **ELA-Heggerty Bridge to Reading**
- **Recess and Lunch**
- **Quiet Time**
- **ELA- Reading (INTO Reading)/Small Groups/Centers**
- **Science/Social Studies**
- **Special**
- **Dismissal**

Behavior and Expectations

Kindergarten will learn about rules and why we have rules, as well as, being a good citizen. We will apply this learning to our behavior each day. If a student struggles with a particular behavior the following steps will be taken:

- **Warning from teacher and a reminder of expectations (if occurring frequently they will receive a “GROW” note - move to yellow**
- **Continued infraction of a behavior will result in a note home, phone call, or conference when necessary and a consequence (loss of privilege, loss of material, time-out, etc.) - move to red**
- **Individualized behavior management systems will be utilized if necessary**

Homework Activities

- **Practice activities for home will begin for students in the next few weeks.**
- **Each child will receive a red copybook and a homework envelope. In the envelope you will find your child's high frequency words, copybook, and any additional supplemental items provided by your teacher. Students will also bring home a Math Practice book. Completed pages will be torn out and sent through your child's homework envelope to be checked.**
 - **Some supplemental activities to practice will include practicing sight words, prayers, tying shoes, name/address, etc. Reading with your child is always an excellent activity!**

FACTS

Announcements, links, and other important items can be found on FACTS and our classroom website (link comes home on each weekly memo) If you ever need assistance in accessing items, please contact me.



Emergency Dismissals and School Closings



In the event of an Emergency Dismissal (for example, due to inclement weather) the teacher will follow the method of transportation listed on the Consolidated Permissions Form. DO NOT EMAIL ME TO CHANGE THIS...CALL MAIN OFFICE! Changes should only be made in an emergency.

School Snow Days: KINDERGARTEN will have asynchronous snow days. You will receive snow day packets to be used as well as links to teacher made videos/read loud videos.

Dress Code

- **Students in Kindergarten wear the gym uniform, along with sneakers.**
- **Any jewelry worn must be religious in nature.**
- **No nail polish**
- **If you ever have any questions, please see the Parent-Student Handbook that can be found on FACTS family portal under RESOURCE DOCUMENTS.**

Practice! Practice! Practice!

Please practice the following skills with your child at home and frequently:

- Taking off and putting on your school sweatshirt AND coat (*Please make sure to label your child's sweatshirt with name or initials on the tag.*)
- Zippering your coat
- Independent self care - bathroom routines, washing hands, packing our school bag, opening lunch containers and items

Birthdays

We would love to celebrate your child's birthday in school! This year, we will ask that you please notify the teacher if you would like to have your child bring in a birthday treat. **We are a Peanut/Tree Nut Free classroom. A picture of the item is also much appreciated. This allows us to make arrangements for students with allergies. We ask that all treats be prepackaged from the store (Mini-Muffins, cookies, pretzels, etc.) and not homemade. We will still sing/acknowledge your child's birthday, even if they do not opt to bring in a treat. Thank you so much for your help with this!**

Flat Mrs. Callen

Each week, a student will be chosen at random to be the “All About Me” student in their classroom. The student will:

- **Receive an individualized version of Mrs. Callen to bring home for the week. Students will journal about their experience, which will be placed in a class binder. The journal will be shared with the class!**
- **In addition, students will complete a poster (provided by the teacher) and can bring in a book for their teacher to read, as well as, a show and tell item. Days and information will be provided to you In your Flat Mrs. Callen packet when it is your week.**

School Liturgies

We will begin attending first Friday masses in October with our prayer partners from 7th grade. We will attend every Friday during Lent and Advent and on an occasional Friday in rotation with the other grades. We will also attend adoration once a month.

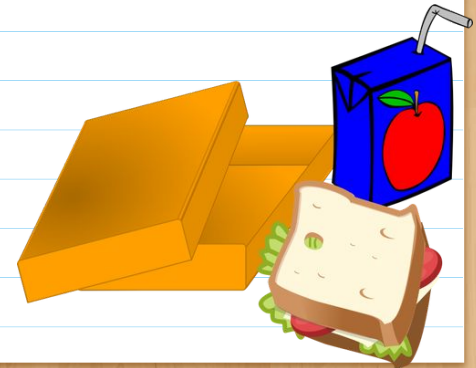


Help Wanted

Lunch volunteers and field trip chaperones are some of the ways you can volunteer at HCRC. Our homeroom parents this year are Mrs. Recigno and Mrs. Mann.

Clearances are required to volunteer. Details can be found on FACTS.

The teachers appreciate all your help!!!!

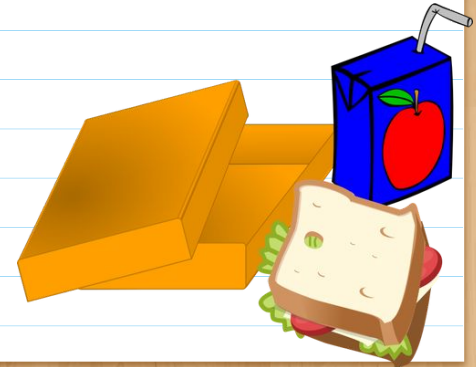




Holy Cross Basket Raffle - Save the date - November 10 at PJP High School

Dress Down/Dress Up Day to benefit the
raffle will be held this Friday, September
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Monetary donations much appreciated!



Thank You!

Questions? Comments?

Thank you for coming this evening and entrusting us with your children. We look forward to working with you this school year to help your children achieve their potential!

Mrs. Callen (102)