

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

Saint Rocco School

SUMMER PACKET

A Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 8 Catholic Elementary School

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Incoming Kindergarteners

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Students entering Kindergarten from Pre-K should possess certain skills. These skills should be practiced over the summer.

Listed below are suggestions to prepare your child for the kindergarten curriculum.

<u>Literacy Skills:</u> Recognize & write their first name in print

Recognize upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet.

Match most letters to their sounds

The student should have a "sense of story": telling a story from pictures, re-telling a familiar story.

<u>Math – Readiness:</u> Identifying and writing numbers 1~10

Identifying colors, shapes and patterns

Counting

Recognizing numbers, different shapes and patterns

Sorting

Fine Motor Skills: Color in the lines.

Hold a pencil and scissors properly.

Social Development: Recite full name, address and phone number.

Use the bathroom independently. Work and play cooperatively. Be able to sit and listen to a story.

Suggested activities: Play with manipulatives ~ blocks, Legos, puzzles.

Outside play-walking, running, skipping, jumping and climbing.

Expose them to different forms of literature-poems, stories, songs, nursery rhymes,

Fiction and Non-Fiction.

Expose them to a variety of items objects-pencils, crayons, pens, markers.

Practice sorting simple objects, create simple patterns. Recognize numbers 1 through 10 and practice counting.

I look forward to providing your child with a positive Kindergarten experience.

Thank you!

God Bless,

Mrs. Regnault

Suggested Summer Activities for Students entering Kindergarten.

As summer approaches students are looking forward to play time. During the summer break, students often lose much of what they were taught during the year. Listed below are some suggested activities that you can do to encourage out of school learning.

- Read to your child and visit the library/bookstore for story hour.
- Practice tying shoes, zipping, buttoning, washing hands, using manners, following directions and listening.
- Encourage the use of imagination i.e. using clay, play dough, legos, blocks, playing with puppets. look at the clouds and describe what they look like, etc.
- Practice printing, writing your child's name, coloring, cutting and sorting.
- Review shapes, colors, letters and numbers
- Encourage good social and table manners, show the proper way to use eating utensils, engage him/her in table conversation & the independent use of the bathroom.
- Practice the Pledge of Allegiance
- Practice the Sign of the Cross.

 Pray with your child, practice the *Hail Mary* and *Our Father* with your child and attend Mass weekly.



Pledge of Allegiance ~ I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Morning Prayer: (prayed as part of our school-wide morning prayer)

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, the salvation of souls, reparation for sin the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for all the intentions of our bishops and all members of the apostleship of prayer, and in particular, for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.

Grace Before Meals (prayed in homeroom before going to lunch)

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving After Meals (prayed in Café Rocco before leaving)

We give you thanks, Almighty God, for these and for all your benefits, you who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Act of Contrition (prayed together as part of our school-wide afternoon prayer before leaving for the day)
My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In His Name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

Suggested websites: www.starfall.com

www.scholastic.com www.weeklyreader.com www.brainpop.com www.funschool.com www.gokids.com

www.carsondellosa.com (summer bridge activities)