



St. Ambrose Catholic School

Kindergarten Expectations

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Welcome to Kindergarten! This year we are excited to partner with your family to address your child's educational needs. In order to maximize the time we have this year, there are some important expectations that need to be communicated and agreed upon.

Grading and Communication

1. **Grading:** Assessments, Projects , Homework, and Class Work
2. **Homework Policy:** Homework packets will be sent home every Monday and are due on Friday. Some homework will be sent home daily and it should be returned by Friday as well.
 - a. Grading - 1 pt will be deducted per wrong answer per subject, unless otherwise noted.
 - b. All homework assignments should be turned in on time. If homework is turned in after Friday, 5 pts will be deducted for each day that it is late.
3. **Communication Folders:** Communication is essential to ensure that your child performs at his/her highest ability and the school day runs as smoothly as possible
 - a. Purple Folder – This folder is to be returned to school daily. Notes, forms, or any item that must be given to the office or me should be placed in this folder. A monthly behavior chart will stay attached to the inside of the folder. Please initial daily. I will remove the behavior chart from the folder monthly.
 - b. Thursday Folder – The clear white folder will be sent home every Thursday and must be returned on Friday. Information from the office will be sent home in this folder.
 - c. Parents please make sure that every item brought into the classroom is labeled properly in an envelope or Ziploc bag. All payments should be in separate envelopes. For example, field trip and ESP payments should not be included in the same check. Each check should be specifically written for one purpose. If you have any questions regarding financial matters, please see the office staff.

Project Based Learning

Incorporating project-based learning is important to provide students the opportunities to problem solve collaborate and develop critical thinking skills. Project-based learning is a dynamic approach to teaching in which students explore real-world problems and challenges. With this type of active and engaged learning, students are inspired to obtain a deeper knowledge of the subjects they're studying. The Kindergarten program includes a combination of projects that will be done at school and home each quarter. More information to come regarding projects.

Classroom Procedures

1. **Arrival:** Students should arrive to class and be ready for instruction by 8:00 am. Students are considered tardy at 8:01 am.
2. **Morning snack:** Each student should bring a morning snack daily. Morning snack should include healthy items such as: yogurt, fruit, cereal bars, etc. *Afternoon snacks should only be sent for those students who attend After-care.* If you purchased hot lunch, your child should still bring in an a.m. snack for that day.
3. **Uniform Policy:** Students should wear their formal school attire Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday with all black shoes. On Monday and Thursday students should wear their gym uniform for P.E. Please see Parent-Student Handbook for specific uniform attire.

Discipline Policy

Each student is expected to behave in an orderly and respectful manner. Students are also expected to follow the classroom rules and school rules.

1. **Classroom Rules:** 1. Listen and Learn. 2. Control Yourself. 3. Respect others.
2. **The Zones:** All zones, consequences, and rewards are used at the discretion of the staff at St. Ambrose.
 - a. Green Zone: Obeying all rules, and staying on task.
 - b. Yellow Zone: Warning for disobeying the rules.
 - c. Blue Zone: Miss time from recess.
 - d. Red Zone: A note home, visit to the principal's office, or a call to parents.
3. **Rewards and consequences:** We believe children should have a balance between rewards and consequences, thus each teacher will develop reward and consequences in his/her class so students have immediate and long term success. Rewards can be things such as: verbal praise, stickers, awards, classroom helper jobs, and a good phone call home. Consequences can include loss of classroom privileges, phone call home, or a visit to the Principal's Office. Please note that any student who reaches the red zone will receive a phone call home, miss recess time, and/or a visit to the Principal's Office.

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6