

## Welcome to St. James Kindergarten!

The mission statement of St. James School, rooted in Jesus Christ, is to nurture the whole child by providing a quality academic education while living the gospel message.

In St. James Kindergarten, each teacher takes this mission very seriously. Our priority is to enrich not only the academic ability of our students, but to assist in their spiritual, physical, emotional and thoughtful growth as well. We care for each heart and soul as well as mind and body.

When your child becomes a student, we believe that our purpose for being here is to form a true partnership with each parent/guardian. A child's success in school can be tremendously enhanced by meaningful home/school communication.

On the reverse of this page you will find the schedule of a "typical" day in St. James Kindergarten. You will notice that it is indeed very full. Also, know that the developmental level of students as well as their varying abilities and interests will be taken into account when designing and implementing instruction.

Please feel free to explore the classroom and don't hesitate with any questions you may have—that's why we are here!

OVER....

7:30-7:40 - Arrive at school

7:40-7:55 - Enter classroom, unpack, and get settled -  
Play with a "table toy" while friends do the same.

7:55-8:00 - Morning meditation - silently say "good morning" to  
Jesus and get ourselves ready for a great day!

8:00-8:30 - Morning circle time on the carpet: Including but  
not limited to: prayer, calendar, place value, days of the week,  
months in the year, Pledge of Allegiance, riddle of the day,  
brain games, take a trip (geography), math games etc...

8:30-9:00 - Specials vary daily; physical education, music, art,  
library, computers, Spanish

9:00-9:30 - Language Arts and "Math-My-Way" instruction

9:30-10:30 - Learning centers... Listening, Clay, Art,  
Painting/easel, Math, Writing, Puzzles, Language, Visual  
Discrimination, Large, Fine and grapho-motor skills are all  
explored.

10:30-10:40 - Clean-up, bathroom prep for snack

10:40-11:00 - Prayer circle/blessing and snack time

11:00-11:15 - Cleanup from snack and have story time #1

11:15-11:45 - Recess #1

11:45-12:30 - Literacy Centers... This time allows for exploration  
of creative processes including; Guided Reading, Phonemic  
Awareness, Tactile Letters, Magic (phonics) Bag, Handwriting,  
and Journals. Students learn to encode as well as decode.

12:30-12:40 - Bathroom, prep for lunch

12:40-1:00 - Lunch in the cafeteria

1:00-1:20 - Quiet/rest time while each child comes to  
receive/pack folders and daily mail.

1:20-1:30 - Story time #2

1:30-1:50 - Recess #2

1:50 - Prep for home: pack borrow book "Read at Home" totes,  
coats, backpacks and dismissal lines