

The preschool years are amazing years of development! They are a time for fostering the love of learning, nurturing curiosity, making new friends, growing socially and emotionally, understanding classroom rules and processes, and learning how to take care of oneself.

The PK-4 school year is a great time of growth and development as we prepare our students for kindergarten. Our curriculum includes: Literacy Without Tears, Jolly Phonics, Religion, Math, Science Exploration and Social Studies.

Our PK-4 class has the option of Monday thru Friday full days (3:00 dismissal) or Tuesday thru Friday half days (11:00) dismissal. All students have the opportunity to participate in Gym, Music and Art.

Below is a general idea of a typical day.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
8:00-8:25	Arrival, Fine Motor Activities, Pledge and Prayers
8:25-8:45	Calendar, Journal Writing
8:45-9:00	Music/Movement (Brain Break)
9:00-9:15 *Thursday 9:10-9:40	Circle Time, Handwriting Without Tears and Jolly Phonics Music
9:15-10:30 *Wednesday 9:46- 10:26	Small Groups, Recess, Read Aloud and Snack Time Art
10:30-10:45 *Friday 10:26- 11:06	Religion Gym
10:50	Pack-Up and Sum-Up
11:00	½ day Student Dismissal
<b>Schedule contd. Full Day Students</b>	
11:00-11:30 *11:06-11:46	Free Choice Play Tuesday/ Library
11:50-12:15	Lunch
12:15-12:30	Story Time/DEAR
12:30-1:30	Quiet/Rest Time
1:30-1:40	Snack Time
1:40-2:00	Recess
2:00-2:30	Activity/Craft/ Fine Motor Practice
2:30-2:45	Free Play
2:45-2:55	Clean-Up/Pack-Up
3:00	<b>Dismissal</b>

# CONTACTS

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\*Please call the school office to report your child's absence or share any change for pick-up during the day.\*

# BIRTHDAYS

At least one week prior, please make arrangements to celebrate your child's birthday at school. For summer birthdays please select your preferred date or a half birthday.

For your child's school birthday celebration, you are invited to come to school to read a book to the class. Due to our specials schedule please contact Mrs. Brennan to set up a time.

Birthday treats are not permitted. In order to be considerate of the feelings of others, if you are sending invitations thru backpack mail, they may only be sent if invitations are given to the entire class.

## **DRESS CODE**

**Please dress your child in comfortable clothes and shoes for play!** We will be busy moving around and doing many art projects throughout the year.

Our classroom temperature often changes. Even if your child is usually warm, as the temperature outside cools we highly recommend sending a lightweight sweater or sweatshirt to school each day.

**Please keep a weather appropriate back-up outfit in a labeled Ziploc bag in your child's backpack.** This may be needed in the event of any spills, brushes with mud or paint, or accidents.

The children frequently misplace clothing items throughout the school year. Please make sure every article of clothing is clearly labeled with his/her name. This includes but is not limited to jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters and ALL winter gear.

## **LITERACY**

### **LEARNING WITHOUT TEARS:**

**Get Set for School and Handwriting Without Tears Program** includes activities to develop fine motor skills, pre-writing skills and letter formation in a variety of developmentally appropriate and multi-sensory ways.

### **JOLLY PHONICS**

Provides exposure to letter recognition and letter sounds

## **JOURNALS**

Contribute to important early writing development. Journal entries will be sent home monthly with selected entries saved in each child's PK-4 portfolio throughout the year. Portfolios will be sent home in June.

## **READ ALOUD/ SHARED READING**

Promotes emerging literacy development, early literacy skills, vocabulary development and develops a lifelong love of books and reading.

# **FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

## **SCHOOL MASSES**

Our Lady of the Wayside students attend Mass throughout the year. Masses are usually at 8:30 a.m. Reminders will be sent in our weekly newsletter. Our PK-4 students will attend mass with the school. If your child arrives late that day, please drop them off at church with us.

## **RELIGION**

Opportunities to partake in daily prayer, explore our Catholic faith traditions, learn about the mass, and hear read alouds about biblical stories and figures are interwoven throughout the day.

## **DOMAINS OF DEVELOPMENTS**

During the year we will focus on:

\*Approaches to Learning

\*Creative Arts: Dance/Movement, Drama, Music and Visual Arts

\*Language and Literacy Development

\*Mathematical Knowledge & Skills

\*Physical Development & Health

\*Scientific Knowledge & Skills

\*Self Help Skills

\*Social & Emotional Development

\*Spiritual Growth

