

All I Ever Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten...

“Most of what I really need to know about how to live, what to do and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom did not lie at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in a kindergarten classroom.” -Robert Fulghum

Welcome to Mrs. Casey's Kindergarten Class!

Welcome to one of the most incredible years your child will have in his/her school career! Kindergarten is an exciting time as children embark upon new adventures in the world of faith and learning.

So much happens in kindergarten! Parents, as well as children, may have some apprehensions. It is extremely important to keep in mind that we ALL build on small successes. Each child will progress at his/her own rate, acquiring skills as he/she is developmentally ready. Maintaining each Child of God's confidence and self-esteem while building a secure foundation for future growth will always remain a priority in our class.

Over the first few days and weeks, we'll be learning the classroom procedures and routines. We will discuss our classroom Golden Rule. The **K-5B discipline policy** is included in the packet today. **Please read and discuss this with your child and sign the bottom portion to return.** Thank you in advance for your support!

The home/school folder should be sent to school each day and emptied each night. This folder will be used for daily communication with **necessary notes** on a transportation change, etc. **or labeled money envelopes** sent to school, and student papers or notes from me coming home. This folder is a very important part of teaching your child organization. Please help them to remember it each day! **A weekly conduct sheet is included in the folder.** This sheet does need to **remain in the folder** for me to keep and replace each Monday. Please **initial** daily and go over other items in the folder with your child and then remove them. A **Monthly Reading Log** will also be kept in the folder. Read to and with your child every day. The more your child is exposed to language, the easier it will be for him/her to incorporate new skills in reading and writing. Initial the log daily and your child will receive a treat at the end of the month when completed!

K-5B Weekly Kindergarten News, Class Schedule, Homework, Field Trip Information, Helpful Kindergarten Sites, and Snack Schedule will all be posted on **St. Mary Catholic School's Web Site** (www.saintmaryschool.net) on the **ClassWeb Page** (<https://saintmaryschool.net/kindergarten-mrs-caseys-page>) to keep you informed with all the happenings in K-5B.

The Web Site is a vital tool for sharing school and class information. If you do not have access, please let me know, so we can inform using a different method of communication.

We will have a snack break every day with a posted monthly **Snack Schedule**. It will include the number of K-5B students and any known allergies. I will also send a reminder in your child's folder the week before your snack week. We will rotate each week; **each student is responsible for a week**.

Uniforms are purchased locally at Stitch FX. K wears the light blue Polo shirt(SMCS logo) with khaki shorts/pants, plaid skirt, skort, or jumper. White peter pan-collared blouse may also be worn with jumper. K participates in **PE** three days a week for 30 minutes, as well as daily playground time. K does not change clothes for PE, although students may wear PE uniform clothes on these days if wanted. Please assure that school shoes are comfortable for your child to run and play in.

School Mass is on Thursdays and kindergarten may wait to attend school mass, after a week or two, when routines are established. Parents are welcome to join and may sit with your child behind our class to insure proper room and vision in our assigned area. Please have your child enter the classroom before mass to complete attendance and lunch count and make sure I am aware if your child is to sit with you. Mass is a wonderful occasion for the children to practice faith and prayer!

On Fridays, our class will have “**Fantastic Friday**”! Fantastic Friday will allow us to explore the Saint of the Week and create a faith project. The children love the anticipation of this special day and doing something a little different from our regular routine.

I want to share a little information about me. This is my 12th year teaching; teaching Primary School Gifted Education and eleven year's St. Mary kindergarten. I have a BS from The University of Georgia and an Alternative Education Certification from Northwest Florida State. I am K-6th Professionally Certified in the State of Florida with a Gifted Endorsement added on to my professional teaching certificate. I absolutely love teaching my faith at St. Mary School! My family lives in Navarre and my husband and I have eight children, all eight have graduated from SMCS, and we so adore one precious grandbaby. Oh, we also have dogs, one being K-5B's theme, a Dalmatian, of course!

Please feel at ease to **contact** me with any questions or concerns; send a note in your child's folder, call the office(243-7992) and leave a message, schedule a conference, and/or e-mail: (maryetta.casey@saintmaryschool.net).

This year is going to be FABULOUS for you and your child! I am looking forward to a terrific year ahead. **Thank you for sharing your most precious Child of God with me!**

God Bless You-

Maryetta Casey
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Let's Pray With Me!