



MATER DEI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of the Kindergarten Class of 2010-2011:

We welcome you and your kindergartener to Mater Dei Catholic School. Your choice of Mater Dei will prove to be an enriching learning experience for your little one.

Our teachers, Mrs. Lynn Lorenz and Mrs. Nancy Kennedy, are experienced, caring and professional educators, and excellent primary teachers. We sing their praises for the wonderful manner in which they open the world to the children. You will be amazed at how well and how much will be taught.

Academics:

Ours is an academic full day kindergarten. The full day kindergarten enables the youngsters to have many opportunities for learning, religious instruction, socializing, art, music, play, and of course, a rest period after lunch. The children also receive a wonderful foundation in visual phonics. (Visual phonics will be explained to you by the teachers.) It is a program that enables youngsters to unlock the mystery of reading. As the year progresses, most students are able to read words and simple stories.

Students entering kindergarten should be able to count from one to ten, know their basic colors, e.g., red, blue green, etc., some of the alphabet, and their name. Although not required, it is also beneficial if your youngster has attended a day care previous to kindergarten.

Financial Fees: You may pay the \$50.00 today, however you still must attend one of the following mandatory meetings:

- **6:30 PM, Thursday, February 18, in the cafeteria**
- **6:30 PM, Sunday, February 21, in the cafeteria**

Uniforms:

All students wear the uniforms of khaki or navy blue slacks, shorts, skorts, plaid skirts (available at Spirit of the Game or Worland's). Shirts/blouses are white, navy, red. Mater Dei shirts and sweaters are available—again at Worland's or Spirit of the Game. Socks should be worn with shoes or sandals. We do not have special socks or shoes. We will have a used uniform sale in early August. Uniform attire may also be purchased at Wal-Mart, K-Mart, etc. A more detailed description of the uniform policy will be given in the parent handbook, distributed later in the summer.

Communication:

By coming to Kindergarten Round-up you will be put on our school's mailing list. This will give you access to the school's monthly parent newsletter. This newsletter will give you all of the latest information regarding school start times, fall enrollment, which you will need to attend on Thursday, August 5, used uniform sale, among many other exciting things going on at the school.

Don't forget to check out our website at www.materdeischool.org for additional information.

Lastly, but most importantly, we ask that you attend Church with your child, pray WITH him/her. Praying with and for your child is one of the greatest gifts of parenthood. Remember, you as parents are the first Christian educators for your child. Therefore, it is important to make your child aware of the importance of God in your life. We will work with you to help raise your children in a loving, nurturing, and spiritual environment.

Let us pray for one another, for our new kindergartners, and for our entire community as we look forward to another exciting year at Mater Dei. We welcome you and your children to our school.

It is great to be a Knight!

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Andrea Hillebert
Principal