

PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Dear Parents,

The following information may be helpful as guidelines for OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.

Arrival, Opening Exercise, Lesson Theme, Snack, Activity Time,
Further Theme Development and Dismissal

More information will follow the first days of school.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Please have your child's name on everything such as: boots, coat, sweater, backpack, smock and snack bag. It is amazing how children forget what they wear to school.

SNACK TIME

Snack time gives the children a little break from other activities and gives them a chance to practice cleaning up after themselves and thanking God for the many gifts He gives to us.

DRESS CODE

No uniform. Please remember to dress your child in simple, comfortable clothes. They will be sitting on the floor, doing lots of crafts, dancing, playing and so on. **Elastic** waistbands are preferable so the children will be able to achieve independence at bathroom time. Please **do not** send your child to school with suspenders, belts, snaps, buttons, or anything that they cannot handle without help. Sneakers are also strongly recommended for all. Fuzzy, frilly elaborate clothing is discouraged for obvious reasons. Also, children who are inappropriately dressed will not be permitted to use outdoor play equipment for their own safety. Please provide your child with a **labeled smock** for messy (but fun!) art activities. A clean, man's shirt works well for this.

HYGIENE

Your child is expected to take care of his/her own bathroom needs. A part of their bathroom recess includes washing their hands. Please make sure your child has good hygiene habits. Encourage your child to come to school with clean and brushed hair; tidy and neat clothing; clean hands, ears and nails; brushed teeth; etc. Another important thing to remember is to make sure that your child goes to the bathroom each morning before leaving the house.

APPOINTMENTS

If you wish to make an appointment with the child's teacher, please send a note and the teacher will get in touch with you.

ILLNESS

If your child becomes ill, please keep them home until they are completely well. Please call the school nurse at **732-828-1651 ext. 6** in order to notify us so that we may pray for a speedy recovery.

ACCIDENTS

If your child is still having occasional difficulty with toilet training, you may wish to bring a brown bag with a change of clothes to be used in case of emergency. Please let the teacher know if your child has any difficulty with any personal matters and how you would like the teacher to handle a particular situation.

BIRTHDAYS

When the children have their birthday during the year, we will share the joy with his/her school friends on the school day nearest or on their actual birthday. Please notify the teacher ahead of time as to when you would like to celebrate your child's birthday.

LATCHKEY

The **AFTER-CARE PROGRAM** is available on regular school days from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm starting the first day of school. Please call the school office, 732-828-1951, if you wish to sign up for this program or to obtain additional information.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any ideas or suggestions, I would be most grateful if you would share them with me.

God bless you!

Sister Maria
Principal