

Welcome to Kindergarten



My name is Cheryl Kimm and I LOVE teaching kindergarten; this will be my 31st year here at St. Peter's. I hold a BA Degree and am certified by the state of Maryland in Early Childhood Education. There are so many wonderful things for your child to experience here in kindergarten, most importantly developing a close relationship with their friend, Jesus. We will develop reading skills, learn to make patterns, spend time in nature, make new friends, do science experiments, learn about our state and faraway places, play, explore and so much more! I am very excited to begin a new school year and getting to know my kindergartners.

Roberta Pereira is excited to be the Kindergarten Aide. She retired from the Air Force after serving 26 years and earned a B.S. in Management and Business from National Louis University. She has been married to Leo for 24 years and they have two boys, Christopher who is starting high school this year and Nicolas who will be in 5th grade here at St. Peter's. She loves to read, cook, bake and play sports especially with the boys.



Kimberly Farley is one of the Kindergarten aides at St. Peter's Catholic School. She began working there in 2004 with the daycare program. In 2009 she joined Mrs. Kimm in the Kindergarten classroom. She studied Early Childhood Education at the College of Southern MD. Mrs. Farley currently resides here in Waldorf.

Fall Fun in Kindergarten

We are so excited to start a new school year and to begin our kindergarten adventure. Our kindergarteners spent the first week getting to know their classmates, teachers, and classroom procedures.

Our kindergarten reading program is called The Superkids, the children love meeting each of the characters as they begin their reading journey. The first Superkid we meet is Cass; we learn that her favorite thing to do is cook casserole concoctions. Cass has a cat named Coconut who becomes a favorite kindergarten character.

In math we will be learning to recognize and write numbers 0 – 10, patterns, shapes, graphs, sorting, direction and distance.

In Social Studies we begin the year learning about our State Symbols, flower, bird, flag, etc.

In our nature journals we will discover crayfish, owl pellets, geese and so much more.



Our religion lessons will focus on the many gifts that God has given us. Students will learn that God made all things. The prayers that kindergarten will learn throughout the year include The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Angel of God, Glory Be, and our mealtime blessing.



Some of the things we will be learning in Spanish are days of the week, color words, months, fall words and weather words.

In our outdoor classroom the children love observing and taking care of our chickens. This is Nemo-Bob (named by the kids) who is so calm and gentle we have used her as a "therapy chicken" to help soothe and comfort our kindergartners. The sunflowers that were planted by the children in spring are now 10 feet tall! We have so many tomatoes growing in our garden that I am sure we will make homemade pizza sauce again to put on pizza bagels. The children will learn about water conservation as they use our rain barrel to water the garden. Starting on the first day of



school they will learn to compost all of their fruit and veggie scraps which we will add to the compost bin and eventually to put it back into the garden.

We have a lot of fun things that are coming up this fall, such as our field trip to the Pumpkin Farm. We look forward to spending the day at Shlagel Farm each year. The kids love the tractor ride, the kid size maze, the corn bin and of course picking out their own pumpkin.



Our Race for Education takes place in October, not only is this our biggest school fund raiser it is also lot of fun for the students.

Kindergarten loves to celebrate Halloween, with a party that features crafts, games, and good things to eat! One evening there will also be a schoolwide Trunk or Treat event that is a family favorite.

The first of November is All Saints Day; kindergarten will spend a fun day learning about the lives of some of our favorite saints, we learn interesting facts about the saints as we play games and do activities.



A highlight in November is the Lantern Walk which is much anticipated by kindergarten. They love coming to school at night and leading their families on a lantern lit walk through 100 luminaries. Roasting marshmallows, drinking hot chocolate and eating homemade cookies are the perfect way to end the night.

Later in the month we celebrate Grandparent's Day, we love to show our grandparents all the things that we are learning in school and how we spend our day.

