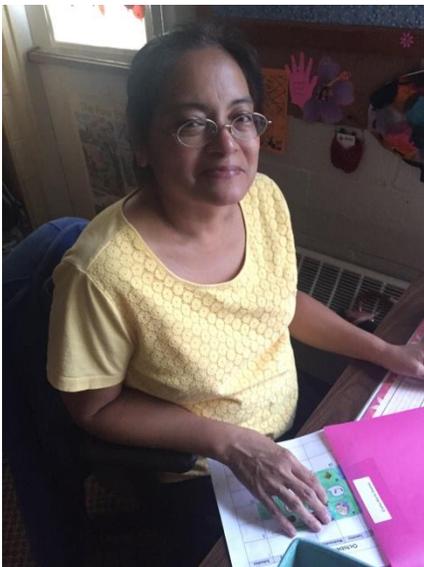


Welcome to Pre-K!



My name is Ms. Marie Russell and I am the Pre-K teacher here at St. Peter's. This is my second year teaching here which is very special to me because I am a graduate from St. Peter's! I also graduated from Bishop McNamara High School and received my bachelors degree from the University of Maryland College Park. My faith is very important to me and I knew in college that when I became a teacher, I would want to become a Catholic school teacher. I love working alongside educators whose faith is something they incorporate within daily lessons. I very much love flowers and my very sweet golden retriever, Pullo!



This is my full-time aide, Mrs. Delani Norman. She has been apart of the St. Peter's community for many years. She has three daughters and they all have attended St. Peter's! She has her bachelor of fine arts degree from St. Mary's College and is very crafty!

"I love you, O Lord, my strength" Psalm 18:1

It is now Winter Time!

December 🎄

In December, Pre-K had a lot of fun learning about and preparing for Jesus' birthday!



We did experiments watching peppermint candy canes fizz using baking soda and vinegar!



Pre-K practicing their book handling skills with our story for the unit “Elves and the Shoemaker”!



Some other fun things we did in December included making our own “snow paint” for our arts and craft snowmen! Early in December we had our Christmas Pageant where we sang Christmas songs like “Jingle Bells” and “The Whole World is Waiting for Love”! We also had a pajama party for our Christmas party! We decorated cookies, made ornaments, played with gingerbread scented playdough, and had Christmas themed math centers! December was very busy, but so very fun!

January

So far in January we have been talking a lot about snow since there have been random days of it! We have also been learning about things that are frozen vs. melting!



Painting real snow from outside with watercolors during center time!



Having fun exploring our “Winter Wonderland” sensory table counting out penguins and marshmallows!



We also made “stained glass” nativities and made Jesus crafts for when our letter of the week was letter Jj!

What is to come for the next two winter months?...

For the rest of January we will continue to work hard on our lessons and we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month where we will have Wacky Hair Day, Dress as Your Favorite Book Character Day, Blue Ribbon Day, and Pajama Day!

In February we will celebrate 100 Days of school! We have been counting each day during circle time and our goal is to get to 100 days and then have a celebration! We will also celebrate Valentine’s Day and talk about how we love our family, friends, and Jesus!

In March we will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day and do many fun activities to go along with that theme! During our school days for the rest of the year we will finish up our letters of the week and continue working hard on following directions during our language arts curriculum! Our “Happily Ever After” units help Pre-K follow directions, work on comprehension skills, works on colors, matching letters, practice book handling skills, and so much more wonderful tools!

Fall is here!

September 🍏

So far in Pre-K, we had our first day of school and have been working becoming good friends and learning the rules of school. They worked on coloring their "First Day of Pre-K" hats and were excited to show their loves ones at pick-up! Once they understand a little more of how school will go, I will rotate weekly jobs for the children to be a line leader, caboose, door holder, weather person, lights helper, and teacher's helper. The children love showing how helpful they can be! We will soon have a science experiment taste testing two kinds of apples. We will be really exploring outside when fall arrives! They will go on a scavenger hunt finding items that you commonly find during fall and will work on a leaf rubbing arts and craft project using their own leaves they find outside!



October 🍁

In October, my students will learn all about Johnny Appleseed! To go along with our fall season, they will learn who he was Johnny Appleseed and will make hats in the shape of pots, just like he wore! Pre-K will continue developing social skills and work hard on

classroom projects, listening skills, and enjoying learning! During center time, the children are able to showcase how wonderfully they paint with watercolors at art center, build the largest of buildings at block center, pretend play at housekeeping, and sort objects in muffin tins at math center. Their imaginations are always so amazing to witness!

Every week, the students will learn a new letter and number for the week. Doing different activities help the children more with letter/ number recognition and express creativity! We also will have our school annual Trunk-or-Treat which is so much fun!

November

In November, Pre-K will celebrate Thanksgiving and Grandparents Day at school! We will talk about what we are grateful for during Thanksgiving time! We will also do fun crafts and sing songs with our grandparents on Grandparents Day! We will continue to celebrate Fall and explore outside!