



# Kindergarten Curriculum

## Religion – St. Anne and Archdiocese of Detroit

As an Early Childhood Catholic learner students will:

- Learn to develop their faith in God.
- The sign of the cross.
- The Celebration of Liturgical year, Christmas, Lent and Easter.
- The birth of Jesus.
- Catholic Beliefs.
- The life of Jesus.
- Traditional Prayers (sign of the cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Meal prayers, Morning and Night Prayers).

## Language Arts- Houghton- Mifflin

As a reader the students will:

- Grasp the author's message
- Develop awareness of reading strategies, phonics, meaning and recognizing sight words.
- Become familiar with a wide variety of types of books.
- Develop an awareness of story elements (author, illustrator, title, characters, setting).
- Retell stories.
- Recognize letter names, sounds, long and short vowel sounds, and rhyming patterns.

As a writer the students will:

- Use pictures, letters and symbols to convey meaning.
- Sound out and copy words.
- Print with upper and lower case letters.
- Begin to use spacing and end punctuation.

## Phonics – Sadlier

- Recognize letter names, sounds and vowels.
- Write upper and lower case letters.

## **Math – Sadlier-Oxford**

### Numbers and Operations

- Identify and write numbers 1-30.
- Counting –by 1’s, 2’s, 5’s, and 10’s.
- Count up to 100
- Simple addition and subtraction sentences.
- Coin identification.
- Tables, Graphs, and Fractions.
- Time.
- Measurement.
- Position (up, down, side, left, right and above).

### **Geometry**

- 2D and 3D shapes.
- Patterns.

## **Science-St. Anne and Archdiocese of Detroit**

### **Properties**

- Identify, sort, and classify the properties of objects around them.

### **Water**

- Identify and explain the properties of water.

### **Animals**

- Students will be able to describe and classify the traits of animals including farm animals, butterflies and penguins.

## **Social Studies – Scott Foresman**

### **My School and I**

- School Expectations: Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be Safe.
- Our school environment changes because of the seasons and weather.
- We learn about specific school locations and procedures.
- We are treated fairly and should treat others fairly.
- All Kindergartners have a personal history and people grow and change over

## 50 plus Kindergarten Sight Words

I	look	do	down
see	no	will	came
a	not	big	has
am	at	little	mom
the	love	play	dad
my	here	with	went
by	on	me	red
like	it	he	yellow
to	is	she	blue
can	this	get	green
go	you	some	orange
an	are	put	purple
and	for	was	pink
we	have	yes	white
us	said	up	black

## Typical Kindergarten Day

The following outline will give you some idea of what your child will be doing every day in school. You should talk to your child in advance about the things they can expect to happen each day in kindergarten. Please do not forget to stress to your little one that they will be having lots of fun as they learn- and that you're VERY proud to be the parent of a St. Anne Kindergartner!

- Morning Prayer (follow Jesus through prayer), Pledge, Attendance, Calendar, Weather, Student of The Week.
- Mass
- Language Arts
- Math
- Social Studies
- Religion
- Science

- Lunch (in the classroom)
- Physical Education (Gym shoes must be worn).
- Music
- Art
- Library
- Computers
- Spanish
- Free Choice
- Clean-up
- Story Time
- Review of day's activities
- Closing Prayer and Dismissal

## **Kindergarten Bell Schedule**

Entrance Bell	9:00 AM
Tardy Bell	9:10 AM
A.M. Classes	9:00 AM – 12PM
P.M. Classes	1:00 PM

## **The ABC's of Kindergarten at St. Anne**

### **A is Absences**

If your child is sick or going to be absent or late for any reason, please contact the office and them know. (586) 264 -2911

### **B is for Book Clubs and Birthdays**

We will be sending home book club forms from Scholastic Book Club each month for you to purchase books for your child at a reduced at (the deals are hard to beat!) This is a GREAT way for your child to acquire his /her own library of books and be exposed to different types of literature. It is also a great way for our classroom to acquire new literature, since we get points towards buying books for our classroom when you order! It usually takes two weeks to receive the ordered books.

\*You do not have to participate in ordering books.\*

Birthdays are special for your child, and we do recognize birthdays in our classroom, unless instructed otherwise. Our birthday celebrations include singing "Happy Birthday" and wearing a birthday crown. You may send in a birthday treat / napkins to share with the class.

Please do not bring a cake or anything that must be cut. Party invitations may NOT be passed out at school, unless everyone in the class is included, or all the boys or all the girls. Summer birthdays can be celebrated April-May or on their “half” birthday during the year.

### **C is for Clothing**

Kindergartners are expected to wear the required St. Anne school uniform. Boys-blue pants, white collared shirts, St. Anne polo, white socks and black shoes. Girls-jumper, skort, St. Anne polo, knee highs (green, white, navy blue), tights (hunter green, navy blue, white) and black shoes. Please refer to the St. Anne website: [www. st-anne.net](http://www.st-anne.net) for further description of the student uniform.

### **D is for Discipline**

St. Anne’s School rules are to be Respectful, Responsible and Safe. When students are making good decisions about their behavior, it gives everyone an opportunity to learn in a positive, nurturing classroom environment. PLEASE review the rules and consequences of behavior with your child each day.

### **E is for Emergencies**

You will be contacted if your child is injured or ill. Contact the office (586) 264-2911 if you have important reasons to take your child out of school early or something your child’s kindergartner teacher needs to know during school hours. Sign up for School Reach on the St. Anne website to receive any news or reminders.

### **F is for Field Trips and Field Day**

We schedule a couple of field trips during the school year to enhance our curriculum. Permission slips and cost will be sent home prior to each trip. We usually go to Upland Hills Farm in October and The Detroit Zoo in May. You will have the opportunity to volunteer to be a chaperone for a field trip. Chaperones will be responsible for 3-5 children while we are away from school. If interested, you have to take “Protecting God’s Children.”

### **G is for Guest Readers and Gallimaufry Day**

March is reading month, ALL kindergarten teachers welcome guest readers to come and read to the students. However, we welcome guest readers anytime during the school year; just arrange a good time with your teacher. Gallimaufry Day: A day in which we rotate between each of the classrooms and participate in a special craft. This is during the month of May.

### **H is for homework**

Every Friday optional homework sheets are sent home. These worksheets are just a great way to review material that is being taught in class. 😊

## **I is for illness**

We know that is hard to decide whether or not to keep your child home from school. It is important to keep your child at home if he/she is ill. This helps to keep your child comfortable and prevents others from getting sick. Children function better in the classroom when they are healthy. 😊

## **J is for journals**

We keep a journal in our classrooms to use during writing time and also when we have extra free time to feel inspired to write. It is a good idea to keep a spiral notebook at home for your child to write in and illustrate at home as well. You will have a chance to see your child's journal writing at our fall conference meeting in November, as well as spring conferences in April.

## **K is for Kindergarten**

Kindergarten is special, and our students also have some special classes to attend. They will attend Art, Physical Education, Music, Library, Computers and Spanish.

## **L is for Lunches and Snacks**

You can have your child bring a lunch from home or he/she can order a lunch from school. Menus can be found on the St. Anne website.

## **M is for Mass and Math**

In October, kindergarten will start going to Monday morning mass with school. We will walk as a class with our sixth grade buddies to church. We use progress in Mathematics in Kindergarten. We work on our math during calendar time in the morning, as well as in the afternoon.

## **N is for Newsletters**

We send home and email a weekly newsletter every Friday. It will contain updates, and activities going on in the classroom.

## **O is for Open Lines of Communication**

Please let your kindergarten teacher know if you have ANY concerns or questions regarding your child throughout the year. We feel that it is our job to work together as partners to help your child have a successful first year of school. We are able to check our emails throughout the day, but if you have an urgent message and you want to be sure that your son / daughter's teacher gets it before school is out, please call the office, (586) 264-2911, and speak to one of our wonderful administrative assistants.

## **P is for Prayer and Parties**

We are special because we start our day with prayer and end our day with prayer. Prayer is an important part of our day. Every kindergarten classroom has a prayer center and table.

We have several parties in our classrooms throughout the school year: Halloween party, Thanksgiving snack, Valentine's Day, 100-Day Party, St. Patrick's Day, Easter Celebration and the

End of the year Luau. The kindergarten teachers plan and organize these parties, and we need many volunteers to make these events memorable events for the kids. These are fun opportunities for you to get to know some of the parents in your son/daughter's classroom, and we hope that you can help out at one or more of them!

### **Q if for quick Goodbyes**

...leave dry eyes. Please help foster independence in the kindergarteners by saying goodbye outside and allowing the children to walk in their own.

### **R is for Rules**

St. Anne's rules are to be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe. We discuss together what these words mean at school, and students come up with a list of ways to behave in school and in their classrooms.

### **S is for Schedule and Student of the Week**

Each kindergarten student will have a chance to be student of the week. Your son/daughter's teacher will send home a note letting you know when he/she is going to be student of the week. The student of the week will be the line leader all week, lead the calendar activities each day, and any other special jobs that might come up. They are usually very excited to be student of the week. If they are nervous, just remind them that their teacher will be there to help!

### **T is for Take-Home Folder**

The Take-Home Folder is to be sent to school in your child's backpack every day whether there is anything in it or not. This folder is one way for you and your child's kindergarten teacher to communicate daily. You may put any extra notes in there for your child's teacher to see.

### **U is for Unique**

Each child in ALL of our Kindergarten classes is unique and wonderful. In kindergarten we learn about how unique we are and special, and we celebrate our differences and similarities. We learn about the different cultures and families within our classrooms.

### **V is for Volunteers**

We really appreciate and welcome family volunteers in the classroom as well as getting help with prepping projects at home. Just let your son/daughter's teacher know what you can volunteer for:

- Classroom Volunteer: (working with students at centers or whole group activities, prepping projects).
- Home Volunteer: (prepping projects).

## **W is for Wish List**

We put a Wish List of items and supplies that are needed for our classroom in our weekly newsletters. It is completely optional, but VERY appreciated. ☺

## **X is for eXperiences**

Your kindergartner will have many wonderful eXperiences this year such as making new friends, learning to LOVE learning, feeling accomplishments and success, as well as guest visits, crafts, making class books, and playing many learning games. They will all be fun and eXciting!

## **Y is for You**

You can help to make your child feel successful this year by doing some of the following: **Reading to your child is the single most important thing you can do.** It encourages them to become good readers. Another important way to help your child is to discuss the school day with them. Ask questions like, “What did you learn today?”, “What did you work the hardest on?”, or “What are you getting better at?” These questions cause children to reflect on their learning which in turn helps them remember new information. Don’t let them tell you “nothing.” Ask your child about religion, centers, music, P.E., art, library, computers, reading, or math work.

Talk positively about school. That way your child perceives your feelings about his/her school and teachers will have a direct effect on how he/she feels about them. **SHOW ENTHUSIASM FOR LEARNING; IT IS CONTAGIOUS!!!**

## **Z is for ZZZ’s**

We have a quiet rest time each day for about 15-20 minutes after lunch, where the students rest and read. It is a nice relaxing break from our hectic day! ☺

It is so important to also make sure your child is getting a good night sleep at night. Establish a bedtime routine that allows your child to get 10 or more hours of sleep each night. They will function more productively in class with a good night sleep.