

## Kindergarten

### Book Orders

Your child will be bringing home a form to order books each month. If you wish to order, you can either order online by going to [scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://scholastic.com/bookclubs) and entering our class activation code of GRPG9 or simply fill out the form and send a check written out to Scholastic Books. This is a convenient way for parents to buy quality books at a low price. As an added bonus, for every order, we earn bonus points which are used to purchase books for the classroom.

### Birthdays

Birthdays are very special! We are happy to help the children celebrate in school. Store-bought peanut/tree nut free treats (popsicles, ice cream cups, fruit snacks, etc.) may be sent to school. Due to students' food allergies, please notify us of what you are bringing in at least one school day (24 hours) prior to your son/daughter's birthday. Also, the birthday child may come to school out of uniform on their special day. Weekend birthdays have the option of picking Friday or Monday to be out of uniform.

We will set aside days at the end of the school year to celebrate summer birthdays. Party invitations may only be passed out in school if your child is inviting the whole class, all the boys, or all the girls.

### Changes in Transportation

A **written note or an e-mail** must be sent to school if there is to be a change of transportation. *If emailing, please do so before school begins that day as we may not be able to check our email throughout the day.* Please do not rely on your child to deliver the message to us. If no written note is received, your child will be sent home by his/her usual method of transportation.

### Clothing

**Please label all clothing.** Keep in mind that all our uniforms are alike and that we often take off our sweatshirts, and sometimes sweatpants, during the day.

### Communication

Weekly news and important dates are sent via e-mail each Monday from the Administration. Most school notices will be posted online every Wednesday. Our Kindergarten weekly newsletter is available online each Friday. We are also piloting the Seesaw App which we hope will allow continual communication. Some Kindergarten communication will go home in your child's folder, and all return information should come back in their folder. Our e-mail addresses are listed below. Please feel free to e-mail us if you have a question or concern.

- [Erin.McLoughlin@stmarysparish.org](mailto:Erin.McLoughlin@stmarysparish.org) (Erin McLoughlin)
- [Katie.Faucher@stmarysparish.org](mailto:Katie.Faucher@stmarysparish.org) (Katie Faucher)

### Homework

It is always beneficial to go over any skills that we have been working on in the classroom, such as letter-sound recognition, number recognition, counting, sight words, reading booklets that they make, writing tasks, etc. We also encourage reading daily to your child. We also send home School-Home Connection pages listing activities related to the theme/stories/skills that we are working on in the Language Arts Program. Periodically, we send home suggestions with ideas to accomplish at home. In January, children will be responsible for homework

assignments. This will typically be something that your child should complete independently after you have read them the directions. We do request that you review the homework assignments with your child, and correct any errors, prior to returning it to school.

### **Illness**

When your child is going to be absent from school, please call the office by 8:00 am. Any work that we feel your child needs to make up will be sent home after your child is feeling better. If your child is out for only a day, some of the missed papers may be made up in school.

### **Lunch/Snack**

Snacks are eaten before morning recess. Please let your child know what you would like him/her to have for a healthy snack. In Kindergarten, food items brought from home for morning snack must be free from peanuts and tree nuts. This policy does not apply to lunches brought from home which may include nuts since lunch is eaten in the cafeteria, and there are procedures in place at lunch for those students with food allergies. Also, we have asked the children to bring home any food they do not eat at lunch to make you aware of what they are eating.

### **Outdoor Recess**

The children will be going out for recess everyday unless it is raining, snowing, or extremely cold. Please keep this in mind when dressing your child.

### **Parent/Teacher Relationship**

We believe that a good parent-teacher relationship is necessary for school success. Throughout the year we will communicate through letters, notes, telephone calls and newsletters. In November we will hold our parent/teacher conferences. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to send a note or call us at the school. The Kindergarten phone number is the same as the school number (842-1601).

### **Parent Participation**

Volunteering is encouraged by all parents at Saint Mary School. Classroom volunteers are invited weekly. We will refer to our volunteer form you have already completed. There are many other opportunities to volunteer at Saint Mary School through our Parents Association.

### **School Attendance**

Your child's regular and prompt attendance at school is important for his/her success. Most Kindergarten learning is group oriented and involves interaction with classmates. It is difficult to make up work at home.

### **School Hours**

School officially begins at 8:00 am. If your child arrives after that time, they will be marked tardy. Recess is at 10:10 am each day. Lunch is at 12:00. Dismissal is at 2:30pm.

### **Specials**

- Monday – Mystery Reader
- Tuesday – Music with Mrs. Tomashefsky
- Wednesday – Library with Mrs. Jarry
- Wednesday – Art with Ms. Krakowski

- Thursday– Spanish with Mrs. Corazzini
- Friday – Physical Education with Mr. Sifferman
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday- Religion with Mrs. Zybert