

SAINT ATHANASIUS



KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

We enable our Kindergartners to learn in a positive, Christian environment fostering their love of learning. The teachers look at each child individually to see the strengths and needs of that child. It is our hope that we will help each child move forward and to continue to become a responsible and caring citizen.

Within our classroom, we come together as a family. Students learn that they are unique individuals with

their own set of gifts, and that without each one of them our classroom family would not be complete. It is our goal to prepare our Kindergartners to find success now and as they continue throughout school.

We accomplish this goal through a Kindergarten program that expands and enriches all content areas with activities and curriculum that are uniquely suited to young learners.

St. Athanasius uses the **Foundations program** along with **Learn to Read Centers** to develop our Kindergartners into readers and writers. Students are taught letter-sound recognition, letter formation, sight words, and much more through whole group, small group, and individual instruction.

Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade use **Math in Focus**. Mathematicians are problem solvers first. When children can't find the meaning in numbers and symbols, problem solving is a struggle. Math in Focus helps students learn the language of math. Through hands-on learning, visualization, and pictorial representations, their understanding, confidence, and love of math grows.

Science and **Social Studies** both tie in with our weekly focus. Our Kindergartners get the opportunity to explore the depths of the rainforest, understand the importance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s message, study the life cycle of a plant, travel through our solar system, learn how the past effects our present, and the list goes on.

St. Athanasius Kindergarten creates a place where children are able to blossom and explore while feeling safe and loved. Our Kindergartners are ready to soar when the time comes for them to take the next steps in their educational journey.



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