

New Youth Movement at SFdS

A new youth movement is coming to St. Francis de Sales school. Beginning with the 2009- 2010 school year, an all day PreK 3 and all day PreK 4 program will be offered. Preschool is truly a wonderful place to be. The awe and utter amazement of a preschooler can be easily seen as they experience the joy of learning, playing, and

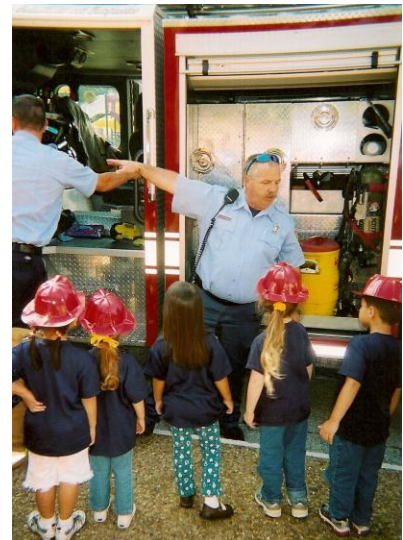


loving. The SFdS program will teach the children discipline with love and respect for God, oneself, and others. There is a strong emphasis on consequences of one's choices and the effect on other people. The children will learn to communicate their feelings, and the program is dedicated to positive reinforcement and self-esteem building activities. In addition to the strong academic emphasis on oral language, reading readiness skills, alphabet, math skills, science, religion, physical education,

social studies, and geography, not forgotten is the imaginative emphasis on free play, puppets, pretend play, centers, small group activities, weekly chef time, painting, and drawing.

Kindergarten readiness is a primary goal for the SFdS preschool program. Through a rich and exciting but developmentally appropriate curriculum, the students are prepared emotionally, physically, spiritually, and intellectually. In a classroom filled with a nurturing self respecting environment, our preschoolers graduate from the program ready for the challenges of elementary school.

Leading the youth movement of the all day PreK program is Connie Masera. Connie and her husband, Mike, have been active parishioners of St. Francis de Sales for many years, and her two daughters, Niki and Julia, attended St. Francis de Sales School. Connie received her undergraduate degree from Sam Houston State University and has completed a year of graduate work in Early Childhood Studies at Houston Baptist University. She is currently working on her Masters of Education with an emphasis on Curriculum and Instruction.





Mrs. Masera cherishes the opportunity to teach children and feels very blessed to have each and every moment. Teaching Pre-K has taught her not to "walk over the shells," but to stop and admire each one's beauty, uniqueness, and treasure the gifts' from God. Children are a gift from God that Connie truly treasures, admires, and celebrates in their specialness and uniqueness. Come and see how our PreK program can help advance your child's future.