

Our Full Day Preschool Program Two Years Later

Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, St. Francis de Sales School has offered full day Pre-K 3 and full day Pre-K 4 programs. The SFdS Early Childhood Program (ECP) is designed to teach the children discipline with love and respect for God, oneself, and others with an emphasis on the consequences of one's choices and the effect on other people.



Kindergarten readiness is a primary goal for the SFdS ECP. Through a rich and exciting but developmentally appropriate curriculum, 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.

This expanded preschool program, now in its second year, has two classes for four-year olds and one class for three-years olds. The fun never stops for these preschoolers. During last month alone, they enjoyed a visit from dentist, long-term SFDS supporter and previous parent, Dr. Michael Masera and his helper "Ms. Tooth." This presentation was followed by a preschool family picnic to celebrate the birthday of everyone's favorite author, Dr. Seuss. Preschool then wrapped up a unit on Texas by holding a Pre-K rodeo. The children participated in stick horse races, roped a longhorn, played horseshoes, tossed beanbags into cowboy hats, and captured a wild horse.

"I have the most amazing job in the school," said Denise Sterner, and few would disagree with her. "I get to view the world through the eyes of a four-year old child everyday, with all the wonder and excitement that only a young child experiencing things for the first time comprehends." Our teaching staff includes Denise Sterner, Carrie Herms (SFdS Class of '96), and Jill Weaver (SFdS Class of '00), supported by incredible teaching assistants Vicki Porterfield, Rita Gonzalez, and Sister Marie.

Carrie Herms loves the kids and the school and could not imagine having a different job. "The kids are a joy and will say things that make you stop and take notice of all the things are aware of." Carrie loves how supportive the parents are and how many take the time to enjoy preschool events with the children. "I love being back at St. Francis and look forward to many more years at St. Francis."





If you want to see our tiniest students in action, stop by Ms. Weaver's classroom of three-year olds. From the moment you step into her adorable monkey-themed classroom, you will be amazed at the learning that takes place. "I believe in encouraging a young child's natural curiosity in a nurturing and loving environment," said Jill.

Come see how our Early Childhood Program can help advance your child's future.