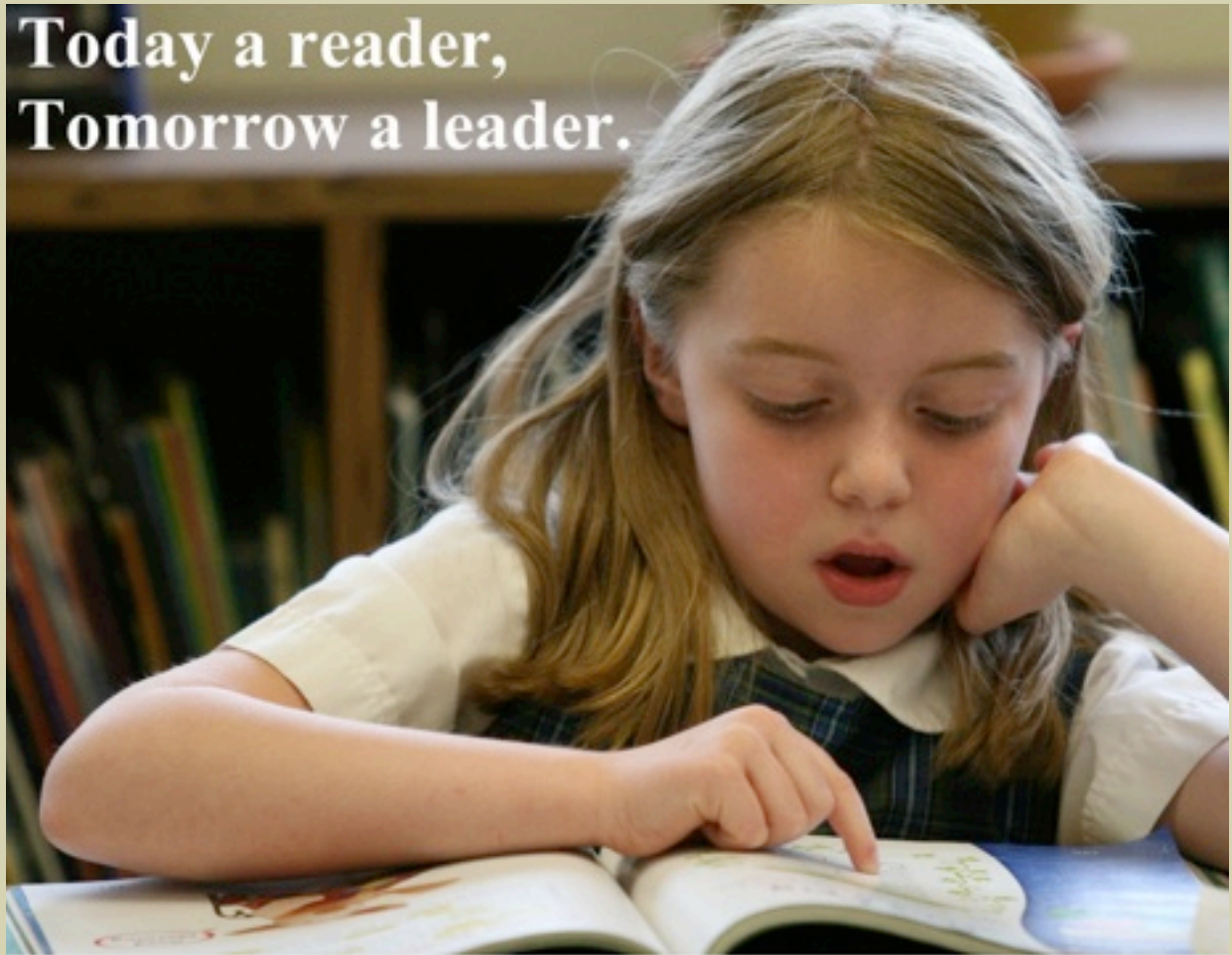


**Today a reader,
Tomorrow a leader.**



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten Program



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Welcome to MMSA Catholic School!

A child's earliest years include some of the most unique and valuable stages in their life. At Maternity of Mary ~ St. Andrew School, we are committed to providing a safe, healthy, nurturing, and responsive learning environment for our children. Through our Catholic values, we address the spiritual, physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth of each child.

Our Kindergarten program is designed to build the strong foundation for future learning. This is a wonderful year of development and discovery as we watch our children explore their world more in-depth. We know that even more than what our younger students carry in their backpacks, are the experiences they carry with them from their earliest school years for the rest of their lives.

MMSA Catholic School is a partnership of students, parents, teachers, and staff dedicated to educating each student. We know that it is through this deep commitment and cooperation that our students will be assured of having the best learning experience possible. While many surrounding schools are cutting their enrichment programs, we continue to add to our's. Know that we will provide your child with an environment that will enlighten, enrich, and excite them each and every day. We look forward to working closely with you and your child. We are excited to embark on this journey with you!

Mrs. Athena Novack, Principal

Maternity of Mary ~ St. Andrew Catholic School

VISION STATEMENT

Maternity of Mary ~ St. Andrew Catholic School graduates inquisitive, compassionate, prayerful students who enter high school with a strong academic, moral, and spiritual foundation. They demonstrate a love of learning, an enthusiasm for their Catholic faith, an awareness of their God-given identity, and a strong commitment to community service.

MISSION STATEMENT

In answer to the call of Jesus Christ, Maternity of Mary ~ St. Andrew Catholic School is dedicated to providing a Catholic education that develops the unique gifts of each student, in an environment that promotes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and social responsibility.

In Mathematics we:

- Use manipulatives
- Order
- Classify
- Sort
- Measure
- Add
- Subtract

In Art we:

- Use many mediums
- Make art
- Plan art
- Enjoy art

In Phy. Ed. we:

- Use our muscles
- Move in our own space
- Follow directions and rules
- Play together

In Religion we:

- Know God made us
- Know God loves us
- Love God, others, and ourselves
- Celebrate the liturgical seasons

Kindergarten Curriculum

At MMSA, we use integrated teaching units to help the children learn in a meaningful context and explore the connectedness of all the subjects in their world.

Each unit is driven by a particular subject yet incorporates concepts and skills from all areas.

Children are actively engaged in the learning process and are encouraged to make choices, test ideas, and examine what they now know and what they would like to know.

In Science we:

- Explore our world
- Use our five senses
- Experiment
- Study plants, animals, weather, color, and mores

In Language Arts we:

- Listen carefully
- Speak effectively
- Write
- Read
- Know beginning sounds
- Know some sight words
- Enjoy quality literature

In Music we:

- Sing
- Play instruments
- Dance
- Listen

In Social Studies we:

- Learn about us
- Learn about our families
- Learn about our community
- Learn about other cultures
- Work together

The concepts and skills worked on in our curriculum are extended and enhanced through weekly or bi-weekly classes with specialists in: Technology, Library, and Spanish

Kindergarten Reminders & Helpful Hints

1. Kindergarten Parents are asked to leave their children after class begins the first few days of school, as it helps the child ease into a healthy transition. Parents are encouraged to spend some time watching their children work and play in the classroom after school has been in session for a couple of weeks, in order to build your child's confidence.
2. All clothing (sweatshirts, jackets, hats, boot, etc.) should be **CLEARLY MARKED WITH FIRST AND LAST NAMES FOR IDENTIFICATION.**
3. Absences and tardies should be called into the school office 651.489-1459 before 8:00 a.m. There is voicemail available 24 hours a day for your convenience.
4. All health forms must be turned in to the school office **before** the first day of school. State law mandates that all school children must be immunized in accordance with state law.
5. Children should know their name, address and telephone number for their safety.
6. Help children practice using new school supplies. Practice fastening and unfastening school clothing, outerwear, lunch boxes and backpacks.
7. Begin practicing the morning routine and route to and from school, to begin to increase their confidence.
8. A week or two before school begins ease into the sleeping and waking schedule your child will follow for school days.
9. Take advantage of opportunities to visit school, explore the classroom and meet the our wonderful teachers.
10. Plan on attending various School Meetings, School Celebrations and Parish Events, as well as special classroom gatherings. Being involved in your child's education is the best investment you'll ever make!
11. When a project and/or art work comes home, display them with joy. Listen to the stories of the day's activities with your heart.

Your child is embarking on the great adventure of formal education.

Together we will strive to make it an adventure that will create a love a learning to last a lifetime...