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# Back to School Night

Fall 2025



ST. CHARLES  
BORROMEO  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# Mrs. Herrera

My name is Alma Violeta Herrera, and this my second year teaching at St. Charles Borromeo. Before Joining this community, I spent two wonderful years teaching a St. Frances Cabrini School.

I'm originally from Mexico and currently pursuing my Early Childhood Education degree at TCC. working with young children is my passion -love helping them feel confident, care for, and curious about the world around them. I 'll be honest -sometimes I can feel a little awkward talking with grown- ups , but when I'm with the little ones, I feel completely in my Element. This age is magical, and I'm honored to help guide and nurture your children through these important early years.

I have to kids at St. Charles, Sofia who is in eighth grade and Mateo, who is in third grade.

# What Makes This Grade So Special?

## Fine and Gross Motor Skills

Playdoh, coloring, using tweezers, and other grabbers. Sitting, crawling, running, and throwing skills.

## Becoming Independent

Learning how to clean up after ourselves, how to put on our coats

## Creativity

Learning to express ourselves through art, music, and play.

## Social Skills

How to make friends, how to be kind, how to talk to people

## Cultural Education

Learning some basic sign language, Spanish, and customs from different countries.

# Classroom Expectations and Etiquette

- Practicing getting in a line and moving safely with our friend.
- Build strong listening skills during stories, songs, and group time.
- Learn how to ask for using kind words and gesture.
- Practice Independence by putting on our own jacket , shoes, etc.
- Learn how to play cooperatively and clean up our learning areas.
- Practice simple prayers and moment of gratitude
- Develop practice while taking turns and waiting.

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# **Curriculum Content!**

# Literacy

- ★ Phonics – Letter names and sounds (exposure)
- ★ Exposure to different kinds of print
- ★ Exposure to many books and authors
- ★ Working on story related projects
- ★ Environmental print
- ★ Recognizing names
- ★ Spelling names
- ★ Tracing/writing their names
- ★ Tracing



# Math

- ★ Number recognition
- ★ Rote counting
- ★ Counting manipulatives
- ★ Cardinal and ordinal numbers
- ★ Patterns
- ★ Sorting
- ★ Shapes
- ★ Puzzles



# Fine Motor Skills

- ★ Play doh
- ★ Coloring
- ★ Cutting
- ★ Painting with different materials
- ★ Stamping
- ★ Stickers
- ★ Manipulatives
- ★ Lacing beads
- ★ Unifix cubes
- ★ Eye droppers
- ★ Tongs
- ★ Buttons
- ★ Tearing
- ★ Gluing





# Speech and Language Skills

- ★ Through direct teaching of age appropriate concepts (spatial, positional, and quantitative)
- ★ Through stories
- ★ By making choices and during play
- ★ Structured activities
- ★ Oral Curriculum
- ★ Vocabulary

# Science

- ★ Light
- ★ Sound
- ★ Magnets
- ★ Animals
- ★ Matter (solid, liquid, gas)
- ★ Plants
- ★ Our Bodies
- ★ Weather
- ★ Colors

# Religion

- ★ Basic Bible stories
- ★ Sign of the Cross
- ★ Prayer Before Meals
- ★ Advent
- ★ Lent Activities
- ★ Religious Figures
- ★ Saints
- ★ Monthly Mass Attendance

# Social Skills

- ★ Being a Friend
- ★ Maintaining Friendships
- ★ Sharing
- ★ Cleaning Up
- ★ Taking Turns
- ★ Identifying Emotions
- ★ Self-Regulation
- ★ Asking for Help
- ★ Listening
- ★ Manners
- ★ Problem Solving
- ★ Playing Together
- ★ Classroom Expectations

# Testing

- ★ Informal Assessments.
- ★ Small Group Assessments.
- ★ Observations.
- ★ Individual Assessments.

# Conferences

- Fall conferences are required for all families.
- Spring conferences will be optional or only if requested by the teacher based on student needs and progress.
- An email with a Sign-Up Genius link will be sent in early October to schedule your fall conference.

# Communication

- Weekly Letter (Email): Sent every Friday with next week's learning, reminders, and important dates.
- Brightwheel: Daily updates, announcements, photos and quick messages. Please check daily.
- Email: For longer questions or concerns. I reply within 1 school day.

# Volunteer Opportunities!

- **Room Parent** - helps plan and run class parties (Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, End of the Year Party)
- **Gardening Volunteer** - help us with our garden - weed, plant bulbs, winterize, help us plant seeds and transfer to our garden
- **WFH Volunteer** - (Work from home) - we can send cutting or tracing projects home with your student and you return them!
- Other - Can you think of a way? Do you have a special skill you would like to share?



# Fall Reminders

- Shoe Liturgy
- Corn Festival
- Halloween Party  
(TBD)-volunteers will be needed.