Pre-K B

Back to School Night



Our Pre-K Team

*PreK-A Classroom is Mrs Coleman and Mrs Welch. This is the academic room.

*PreK - B Classroom is Mrs Velloso and Ms. Cassidy this is a self-contained class of both academic and enrichment activities.

*PreK - C Classroom is Mrs Bauder and Mrs Schumacher and this is the enrichment room.

Mrs. Velloso & Ms. Cassidy

This is my tenth year teaching in the Archdiocese of Seattle and my second year in Pre-K at SCB. Before coming to SCB I was a kindergarten teacher. I have two young children of my own and feel very lucky to spend my school days with yours!

Ms. Cassidy is a beloved member of our SCB staff and is with us all day in our classroom, at recess, and at our specialist classes.

What's Special About Pre-K?



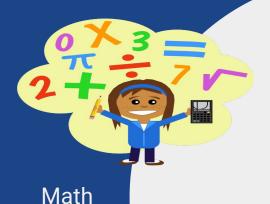
Following Directions



Pre-Literacy



Speech and Language



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Social skills and having fun!



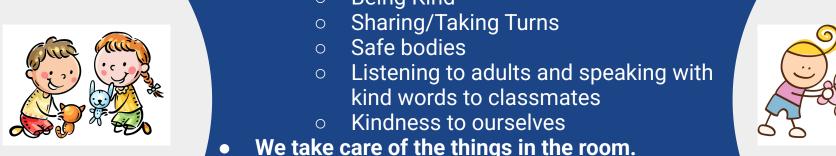
Motor Skills

Classroom Etiquette and Expectations



Being Kind

- - Using school supplies appropriately
 - Taking care of our toys
 - Working together to keep our classroom in order



Pre-K Academics



- Religion
- Math
- Preliteracy
- Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- Music and Movement



Language Arts:

- Recognize, say the sounds, and write Aa-Zz
- Early readers program: begins in second trimester with a series of leveled books that will go home with your child
- We support all levels of readingparents reading to their kids or kids beginning to read on their own





Math

- Count to 50
- Use one-to-one correspondence counting
- Identify and Write numbers 1-20
- Learn about basic shapes and patterns
- Sort objects

We practice these skills with a variety of hands-on activities, written work, group work, songs, and games.

Religion:

- Allelu Religion Curriculum: Introduces students to Jesus and Catholic practices
- Thematic religion lessons based on liturgical seasons or special feast days.
- Pre-K prayers: included in the information packet.





- Scholastic Let's Find Out and Clifford's Big World: These go over a range of topics, including some seasonal.
- Thematic learning with various holidays and seasons.
- Science is incorporated into our thematic units throughout the year such as with fall/Halloween learning, learning about plants in the spring, etc.





Technology:

- Each student will receive their own iXI login information which provides math, language arts and learning games to practice at home.
- We will use our Promethean Board to access our Scholastic curriculum, to support our calendar time, listen to songs, practice writing letters and numbers, and do brain break activities.
- We watch a show for about 20 minutes after lunch in Mrs. Coleman's classroom

Specialist Classes:

- Library with Mrs. Grolbert: getting comfortable with the library, learning about authors and illustrators, checking out a book to keep in the classroom
- PE with Mr. Malo: moving our bodies, following directions, playing games
- Music with Mr. Lewis: learning to use our voices, listening and repeating back verses, playing fun games.

Testing

- We will do assessments throughout the school year testing letter and number identification, letter sounds, mathematical concepts, & color and shape identification.
- We will test students on two prayers this year, the Grace Before Meals and the Guardian Angel Prayer.

Communication

 Weekly newsletter: details what we learned during the week and what we will focus on next week. Please note important upcoming dates.

 Please email with questions, updates or concerns. We will not be using Brightwheel to communicate via messaging.

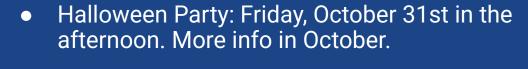
Conferences

October 23rd & 24th

 Sign Up Genius will be emailed in early October to select times

 This is a great opportunity to discuss how your child is adjusting to the school year and how they are doing academically.

Class Parties & Celebrations



 Christmas Party: Thursday, December 18th in the afternoon. Students can wear Christmas outfits or Christmas pajamas. We will be decorating gingerbread houses and doing other fun Christmas activities.

Valentine's Day Party: Friday, February 13th in the afternoon. We exchange cards with our classmates and do other fun Valentine's Day activities. Free dress white, pink and red themed.





VIP: Very Important Person!



- A special week when they will get to decorate a poster to bring in to tell us all about them.
- Special privileges in the classroom!
- Bring in a few items to share with the class.
- Parent invited to have a parent come read a story to the class.

I will send home the date for your child's VIP week soon so you have it on your calendar. I will send home an information sheet and the poster paper the week before your child's scheduled VIP week.

Important Dates

- Every last Wednesday of the month is a Noon dismissal.
- Conferences October 23rd and 24th
- Thanksgiving break is the whole Week of Nov. 24th
- Christmas break is Dec. 22nd through Jan. 2nd. School Resumes on January 5th.
- Preschool and Pre-K do not attend school on Good Friday which is Friday, April 3rd.
- Spring break is April 6th-10th
- Last Day of School is Friday, June 12th and dismissal is at 10:30 am.

Please always pay close attention to class and school newsletters for other days off of school.

Illness and Restroom Policies

- PLEASE keep them home if they don't feel well. Students must stay home for 24 hours after fever, vomiting, or diarrhea have stopped.
- Please monitor your child's health for symptoms of illness and viral conditions. I will send updates home if we see certain medical conditions.

We have a restroom policy that we are including in the packet that needs to be signed and returned. We do not clean fecal matter. Students in PreK use the restroom independently and they are not allowed to wear pull ups.

Miscellaneous

- No toys from home should come to school.
- Included in packet is sign-up for classroom and home volunteers for the classroom. We will likely start classroom volunteers in November.
 - Please pack two snacks (separate from lunch) and a water bottle with water only.
 - If you have any special talents or a job you would like to share with the class, please let me know!

Thank you for coming tonight!

Pre-K is the best!

