

Preschool C

Back to School Night

Fall 2026



ST. CHARLES
BORROMEO
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mrs. Herrera

- 5 years working with preschoolers.
- Continuing my education in Early Childhood Education
- I love learning and grow as a teacher.
- Mom of two wonderful kids
- I love being part of St. Charles Community.

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

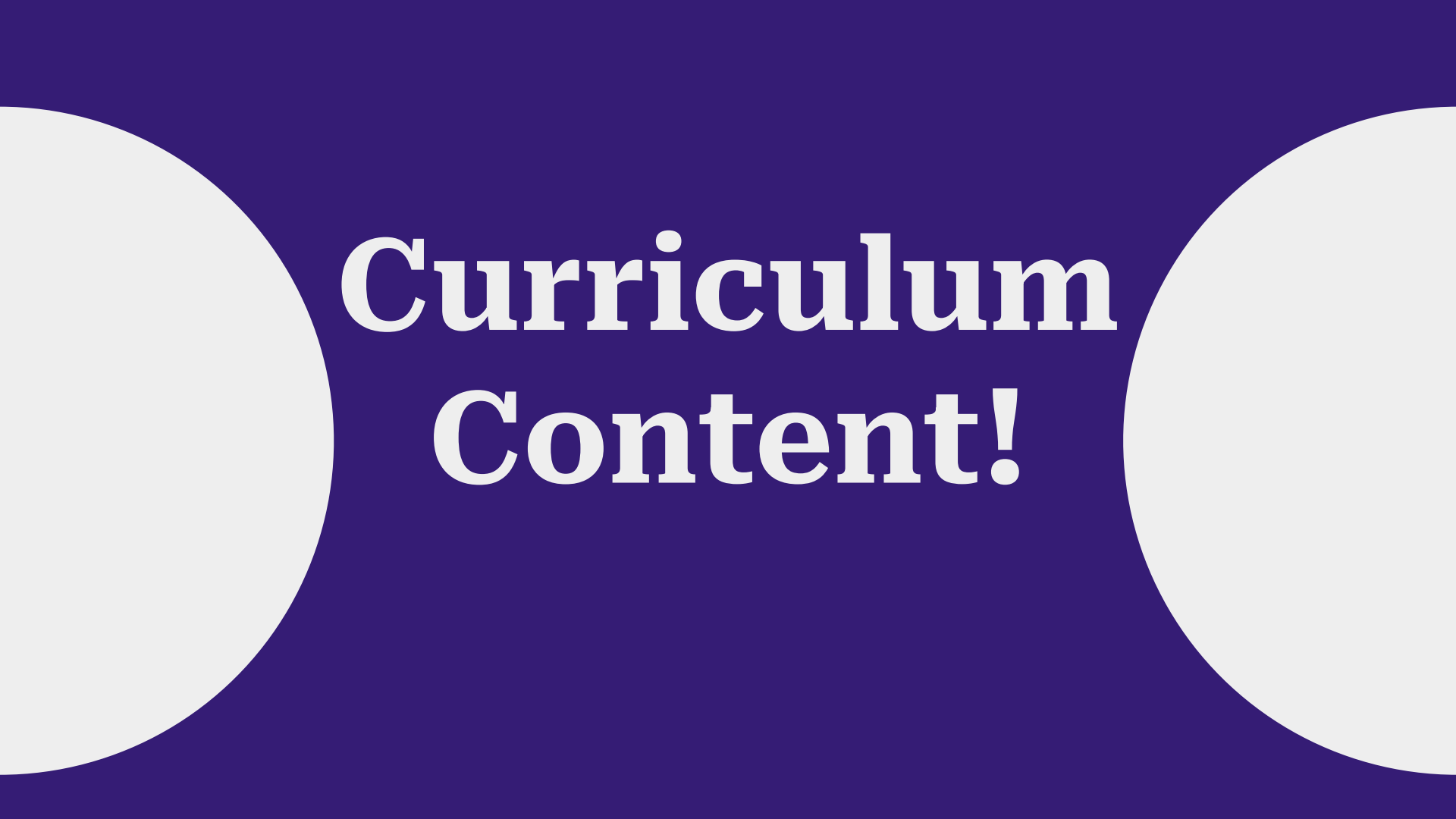
How to make friends, how to be kind, how to talk to people

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!

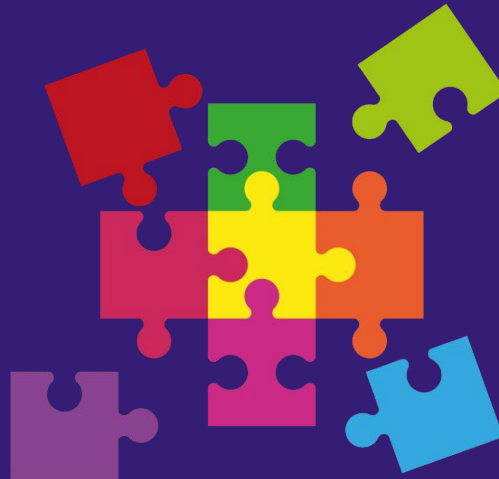
Literacy

- ★ 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
- ★ Angel of God
- ★ 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. October 22nd and 23rd. Both Days No school days.
- 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)
- **Shoe Liturgy Helpers** - Help with Shoe Liturgy, a September - December commitment (email me and I can put you in touch with Rachel Bracali)
- Other - Can you think of a way? Do you have a special skill you would like to share?

Reminders

- Shoe Liturgy - December 4th at 2pm
- Halloween Party - October 30
- Christmas Party - December 17 or 18
- Valentine's Day Party - February 12
- End of the Year Party/Field Day - June 15
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