



Junior Kindergarten

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I was born and raised in Alma, KS, where I attended St. John Lutheran School and then graduated from Alma High School. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education from Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. I have 29 years of teaching experience. This is my 16th year of teaching at Holy Cross.

My husband, Henry and I, have three sons who are all graduates of Holy Cross. Having three sons has been a challenging, busy, exciting and rewarding experience. Henry and I have enjoyed each child as they follow their goals and dreams. They are truly a gift from God!

I enjoy teaching young children and helping them get ready for Kindergarten. Their excitement for life and learning is so rewarding! It is truly a blessing to be able to share the Love of Jesus with these preschool children.

SUMMARY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS

In Relationship to God

- The students will grow in their relationship to God knowing and learning that God loves them.
- The students will be taught that Jesus is their Savior, friend and that He wants us to talk to Him in prayer.
- Children will grow to understand the importance of God's presence and love in our everyday life.

In Relationship to self, others and community

- The children will learn personal information, demonstrate self-control, and adhere to rules and directions.
- Students will learn the importance of respecting themselves, others, authority and possessions.
- Students will grow in developing skills on how to interact with others and share God's love.
- Students will learn that every action has a reaction. Life is full of consequences positive and negative and we can learn from all of them.

In Relationship to intellectual development

- Children will learn through the process based on the premise that children learn best when they are actively involved in experiences to make learning meaningful.
- The children will be exposed to activities that develop spiritual, physical, social-emotional, communication/literacy and cognitive skills.
- Students will be given the tools to develop positive attitudes toward learning and growing.

Biblical studies:

With Bible-based curriculum, children will learn basic Bible stories and their truth in our everyday life. Through the reading of stories, Jesus time, prayer, chapel, dramatic play and music, children will gain a knowledge to help them grow in faith.

Language Arts:

Children experience language and literacy development through the use of letter people, our literacy curriculum, and the discussion of thematic concepts. Learned concepts promote children's phonological awareness, phonemic awareness and oral-language. Activities include, interactive story reading and storytelling, action songs and rhymes, verbal guessing games, and hands-on approach.

Mathematics:

Children will develop an awareness of math by using hands on activities. Children will learn patterns, number recognition, estimation, problem solving, understand sequences and work on spatial concepts (part-to-whole). Students will also perform simple addition and subtraction, work on directionality, and measure objects.

The World Around You: Science and Social Studies

Children will learn about God's creation, make observations, learn cause and effect, describe simple life cycles, perform hands-on experiments, use their five senses to explore their surroundings, learn all four seasons, nutrition, basic body parts and taking care of ourselves, basic land forms and names of certain buildings, animal categories, animal habitats, professions, personal information, addresses, trade/exchange, maps and awareness of communities.

Fine Arts:

Students will have various opportunities to develop their small motor skills through crafts and paperwork. Students will have numerous opportunities to sing, act, create, explore and experiment with music and art.

Technology:

Through developmentally appropriate use of iPads and Smart boards, students will be given opportunities to expand their understanding of media. Technology will be used to enhance other learning topics in small time increments.