



St. Michael the Archangel Preschool 2018-2019 Director's Notes

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all who were able to check in with teachers for parent-teacher conferences. The teachers always appreciate the time to visit and learn more about their students and they also love to share some of the unique and wonderful things they see in your children. Teachers do an evaluation of skills to have a baseline before Christmas and then the conferences in the spring will show your child's growth this year.

We are excited this month to more formally announce that St. Michael's Preschool will expand to offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for next school year, 2019-2020. The current excellent classes: 3's, 4's, TK and LEAP will continue to be offered as is and we will add another classroom specifically to ground our young children in faith.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a way of nurturing faith in young children. We will turn one classroom in the preschool into an Atrium (CGS designed space) and offer an additional morning or afternoon class each week to our families. For example, children who have their preschool class in the morning could add one afternoon a week, children who are here two days a week could come a third morning or afternoon, children who do LEAP could swap one LEAP time a week for CGS, just to name a few possibilities.

Of course, our TK students and most of our 4 year olds this year will be going on to kindergarten and so this does not apply; however, our 3 year olds and 4's that might be staying for TK will have this opportunity as well as families with little ones coming to preschool in the years to come. We will continue to integrate our faith into the classrooms; however, CGS is a unique hands-on approach to religious formation for little children that will enhance our overall program.

Please notice on our calendar:

- Thanksgiving break is Wednesday, Nov. 21 – Monday, Nov. 26 and we resume classes on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

And mark your calendars:

- Our Christmas Program is on Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 pm in the school gymnasium. More information will be forthcoming, but plan for a fairly short program with these little ones, less than a half hour.

Finally, in this month of Thanksgiving, we give praise to God for many things and in a special way for the blessing of our preschool children, their families, their teachers, and a whole parish of faith-filled friends who pray for us.

In Christ,

Mrs. Pratt