



## St. Charles School

Achieving Excellence Together

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Dear Families,

I am so happy to be your child's teacher and look forward to helping your child grow, develop and learn so many new things with his/her classmates! The first few weeks of the year will be a time for the children to become familiar with the daily classroom routines and to get to know their teacher and classmates.

I believe that four-year-olds learn best through play and exploration. Learning centers in our classroom include blocks, art, math, science, a library for quiet reading, and table toys like Legos and puzzles, all designed to foster young children's skills. We will sing and dance and learn to play together. We will also be going outside for play, which is important for large muscle development.

Here are some things you need to know about the first days of Pre-K:

- The first day of school for the UPK is **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**.
- This will be an orientation for parents and students. Please enter the school through the red door on Peter Avenue near the basketball court. There will be two orientation sessions:
  - Students with the last names **A-G**: 9:00-10:00 AM
  - Students with the last names **H-Z**: 10:30-11:30 AM
- On **Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a shortened schedule for our UPK students, which will ease the transition into our full day program. Students and parents should wait by the red door on Peter Avenue near the basketball court. Dismissal will be from the white door on Peter Ave. UPK will be in session from **9:00-11:30 AM**.
- On **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**, children will attend their first full day of UPK! Students and parents will enter by the white door on Peter Avenue near the basketball court at **8:10 AM**. Please be prompt. Pick-up time is at **2:30 PM**. Your child will be ready to go home, especially in the first few weeks, so please be on time.
- You might want to pretend saying "goodbye" at home. If your child has a hard time saying goodbye in the first few days, make a clear plan with her or him and be sure to give a big hug and kiss before you leave. We will be on hand to reassure your child and engage him/her in an activity.
- On **Thursday**, the children should bring:
  - A backpack large enough to fit a folder and a plastic shoe box (13"L x 8"W x 5"H); no wheels, please.
  - A complete change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear, socks) **and** an **additional** pair of underwear in a labeled *plastic shoe box* (13"L x 8"W x 5"H) labeled with the student's name. These clothes will stay in school for the entire year.
  - A fitted crib sheet **and** a small blanket or towel (for naptime) labeled with your child's name in a *plastic shoe box* (13"L x 8"W x 5"H) labeled with the student's name.
  - 1 box of tissues.
  - 2 rolls of paper towels.
  - **Girls**: send in Lysol wipes; **boys**: send in baby wipes.

Once again, I want to say how pleased I am that your child will be a member of my class! I cannot wait to work together to help you and your child have a happy and successful year in UPK. I look forward to seeing you on September 6<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

Miss Melissa

# HELLO



# PRE-KINDERGARTENER!



My name is Miss Melissa and I am so excited to be your teacher this year! We are going to do so many **FUN** things, and of course we will **LEARN** a lot. I hope you had a fabulous summer, and I can't wait to hear all about it. I am so **excited** to meet you on Wednesday, September 5th! I am looking forward to meeting you, and learning about all of your favorite things this year! See you soon!



## PRE-K IS AN ADVENTURE. I CAN'T WAIT TO EXPLORE WITH YOU! WELCOME!

I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year! This year will be my fifth year teaching Pre-K and my 18<sup>th</sup> as a teacher. I hold a B.S. in elementary education and a B.A. in theatre from Wagner College as well as a Master's of Science in early childhood education from Concordia University. In addition to teaching Pre-K at St. Charles, I work as the drama director at Monsignor Farrell High School where my husband works as a math teacher and bowling coach.

I am looking forward to working together this year to help your child grow, learn and succeed! Enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to meeting you in a few short weeks!

Love,  
*Miss Melissa*



Want to know more about me? Here are a few of my favorites:

**Food:** Picadinho (a Portuguese dish made with sausage, shrimp and pork roast)

**Drinks:** coffee, diet cherry limeade and water

**Hobbies:** reading, crocheting, doing plays with children and high school students...and performing in a few myself!

**Colors:** red and turquoise

**Season:** fall

**Book:** *The Book with No Pictures*

