

# KINDERGARTEN HANDBOOK

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“The All Saints Catholic School, with the guidance of the Church, and the support of parents and parish, forms students into disciples of Christ who are academically and spiritually prepared to live as faithful stewards in a diverse world.”

## **Welcome to Kindergarten!**

I am excited about teaching your children this year. I look forward to working with you to make this a great school year.

## **Parent and Teacher Communication**

Each night your child will bring home a yellow folder. It will contain important notes, a behavior log, graded papers, and occasional practice assignments to be done at home. You may also use this folder as a way to communicate with me; I will check it daily. Please note that one side of the folder contains papers that are to be removed and kept at home. The other side contains papers that are to be returned to school.

Of course, email is another way to contact me. My email address is [hansen@allsaintswichita.com](mailto:hansen@allsaintswichita.com).

Be sure to read the Friday newsletter for any important information and curriculum highlights.

This information will be posted on our school website: <http://allsaintswichita.com/kindergarten.html>

## **Behavior and Discipline Plan**

This year our school is beginning to implement a school-wide discipline plan called Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline. As the school handbook says, “restorative discipline makes our discipline policy stronger so children have a way to return to goodness when they fail. The goal is to restore the God-given dignity to all who have been affected by the hurtful behavior so children learn from their mistakes rather than from their punishment.” You can read more about this in the school handbook or at [www.virtuebase.org](http://www.virtuebase.org).

I will be teaching expected behaviors in a structured and positive manner, with positive and negative consequences. Consequences for positive behavior may include such things as praise, special privileges, and a note home. Consequences for negative behavior may include apologizing, running laps at recess, time-outs, office referrals and parental notification.

The school rules for all classes are:

- 1) Be quiet and walk in the building.
- 2) Respect people and property.
- 3) Cooperate with teachers and volunteers.
- 4) Complete school work honestly and with your best effort.
- 5) Use appropriate language.
- 6) Go promptly home, to ride, or to the Extended Day Program after school.

Our classroom rules are:

- 1) Listen when the teacher is talking.
- 2) Raise your hand before speaking.
- 3) Follow directions.
- 4) Pick up after yourself.
- 5) Treat others with kindness and respect.
- 6) Always do your best.

## **Homework**

On Mondays I will send home a weekly vocabulary sheet with words from literature, math, science, religion, and social studies. It will also include weekly high frequency words. Please work on this 5 – 10 minutes each night with your child. Please sign the sheet and return it the following Friday with the number of minutes you worked on it. I will also be sending little books and word family lists for your child to practice reading. Occasionally, there will be a Second Step activity to do with your child and return the next day.

## **Snacks and Birthdays**

Children will be assigned their own snack day. When it is their day, he/she will bring the snack bucket home the night before. He/she will bring the bucket back the next day with enough snacks for 10 students. Your child may also bring a small item from home for Show and Tell on their assigned snack day. Please send healthy snacks, such as string cheese, fruit, crackers, or cereal. If you bring an item that requires spoons, please send those as well.

I will plan for your child to have their snack day as close as possible to their birthday. When celebrating a birthday, your child may bring a special birthday treat rather than the normal snack. Please do not send cupcakes: they create a big mess. If your child has a summer birthday, we can celebrate it in May. Finally, birthdays are great and meant to be celebrated: however, unless you are inviting the whole class to the birthday party, please do not send party invitations to be handed out at school.

## **Toys at School**

Thank you for leaving toys at home. This will save any hardship and the possibility of losing or breaking it.

## **Water Bottles**

I encourage each child to bring a small water bottle each day. This is a quick way for us to get drinks and they will use the water bottles during snack time. Please only send WATER in the bottles.

## **Book Orders**

Your child will bring home monthly book orders. If you wish to order, simply fill out the form and send it and a check made out to Scholastic for the amount due or you may order online. There is no obligation to order. It is just an easy, inexpensive way to get books, and your purchase will enable our class to acquire some free books.

## **Field Trips, Class Parties, and Volunteer Opportunities**

I welcome anyone who would like to volunteer in our classroom for care and share hours. However, in order to volunteer in the classroom, you must be VIRTUS trained. Please contact the parish office for more information on upcoming VIRTUS training sessions. We will take two field trips this year and have two holiday parties. Volunteers are needed!