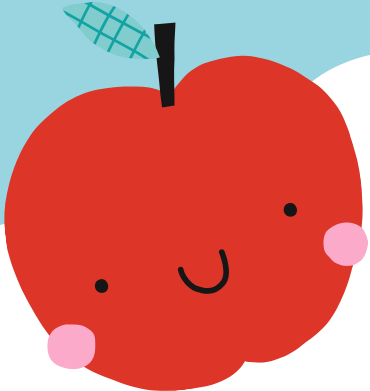


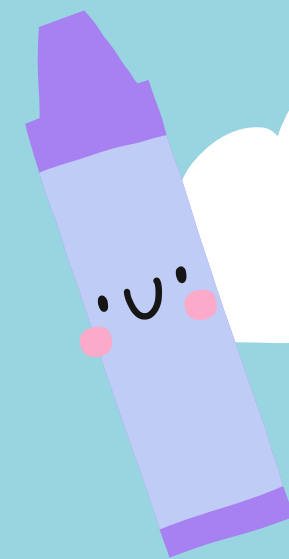


Preschool Orientation Video



WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PRESCHOOL!

ONE FAMILY, ONE MISSION



MEET MS. ABBY

- Born in Lincoln
- 7th year teaching Preschool
- Two daughters (Olivia - 5th grade, Emma - Kindergarten)
- Enjoys sports and crafts



MEET MS. ANNIE

- Born in Lincoln
- 4th year teaching Preschool
- Four children (Lilly - 9th grade, Xavier - 6th grade, Canaan - 4th grade, Sienna - Kindergarten)
- Enjoys reading and cheering on my children at their sporting events



MEET MS. KIM

- Born in Lincoln
- 5th year teaching Preschool
- Three children (Jackson - 12th grade, Addie - 10th grade, Blake - 6th grade)
- Enjoys Husker events and traveling





PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

While you are your child's primary educator, our role is to partner with you supporting your child's academic, social, emotional, and spiritual growth. As partners in your child's development, we look forward to working alongside you in helping them succeed, lead with kindness, serve others, and be a disciple of Christ. We are here to support both you and your child every step of the way.

CURRICULUM

Social-Emotional

All three preschool classes use Second Steps Early Learning, which teaches human skills like self-regulation, relationship building, and supporting Kindergarten readiness and transition.

Religion

The *God Made Everything* series, comprised of *God Made Me* (Ms. Abby's class) and *God Me the World* (Ms. Kim and Ms. Annie) is a comprehensive early childhood program designed to nurture and enrich the faith and spiritual lives of God's youngest disciples.

Phonemic Awareness

The Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum is aligned with the Science of Reading and is used in both 4 and 5 year old classes (Ms. Kim and Ms. Annie).

By developing phonemic awareness, students can better understand the relationship between letters and sounds, which is crucial for reading and spelling.

A cartoon illustration of a grey bear wearing black-rimmed glasses and a black bow tie. The bear has pink cheeks and is looking towards the right. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds and a yellow sun in the top left corner.

ABSENCE PROCEDURES

If your child is ill or you know that your child will be absent or tardy, please email or call the school office and your teacher.

stmichaelinfo@cdolinc.net
(402) 488-1313

TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES

Please let the school office and your teacher know in advance if someone other than mom or dad will be at dismissal. We are not always able to check our emails throughout the school day, so advance notice is appreciated.





DROP-OFF

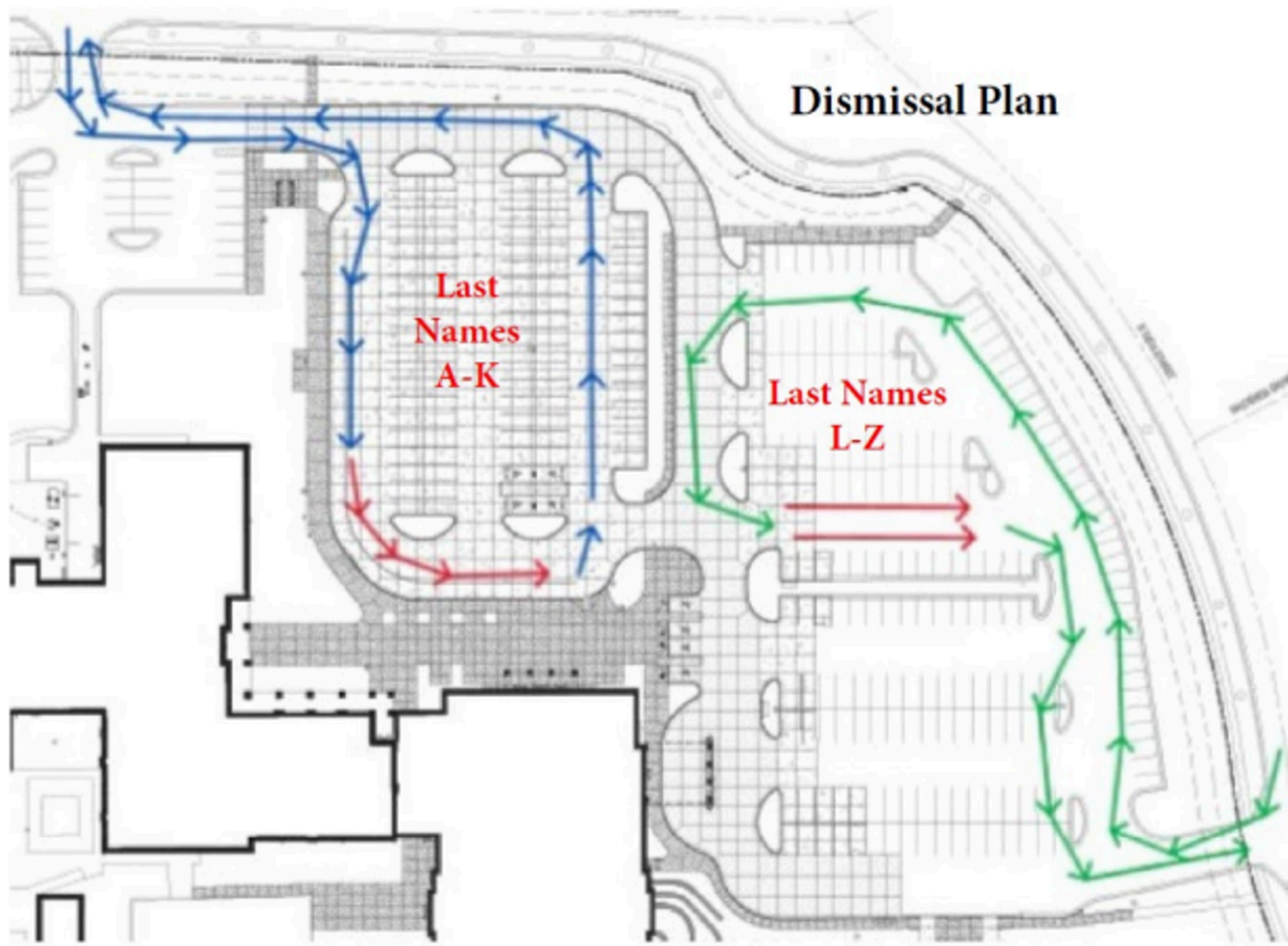
All preschool students will be dropped off between 7:45 to 8:05 am at the Main School doors.

Please say your goodbyes at the front door.

PICK UP

- Half day pick up - Bell Tower
- Full day pick up - Curbside pick up designated locations
 - Line A (North): Last names A-K
 - Line B (East): Last names L-Z

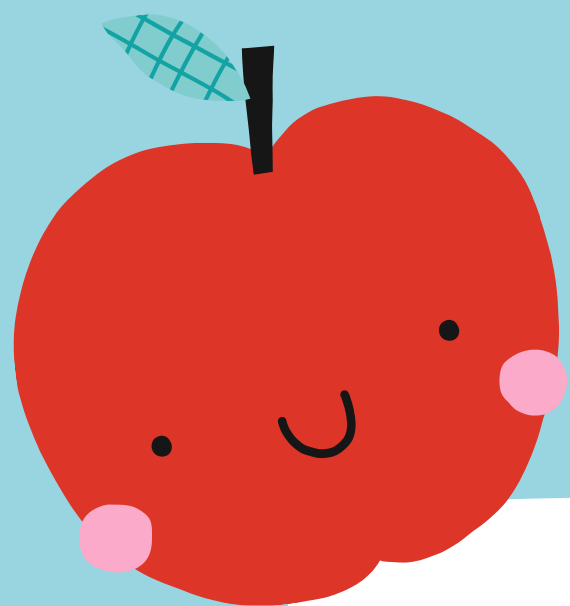




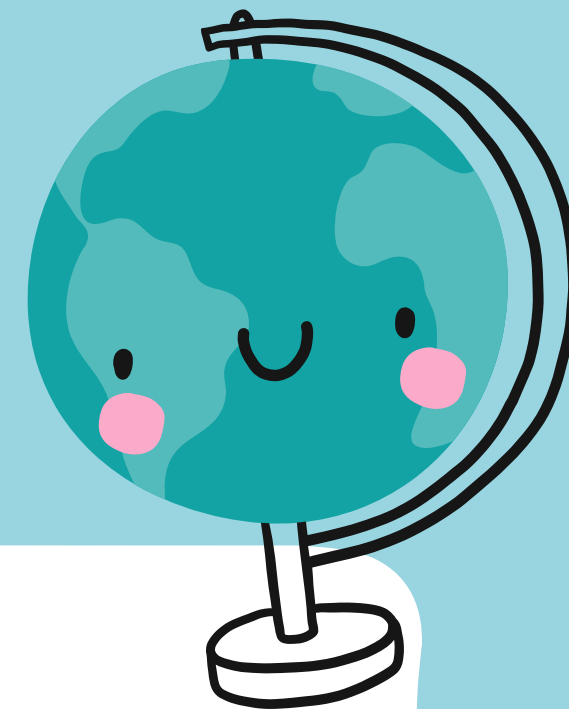
The background is a light blue sky with several white, stylized clouds of various shapes. At the bottom, there is a row of green, rounded shapes representing bushes or grass.

LATE ARRIVAL

If you are running late for drop-off, you will need to walk your child to the office. The office staff will then make sure your child gets to their classroom.



WEEKLY FOLDER



Pocket folders will be sent home on Fridays, sometimes it will be empty and sometimes it will be overflowing!

Please check your child's folder for any information concerning billing statements, newsletters, etc.

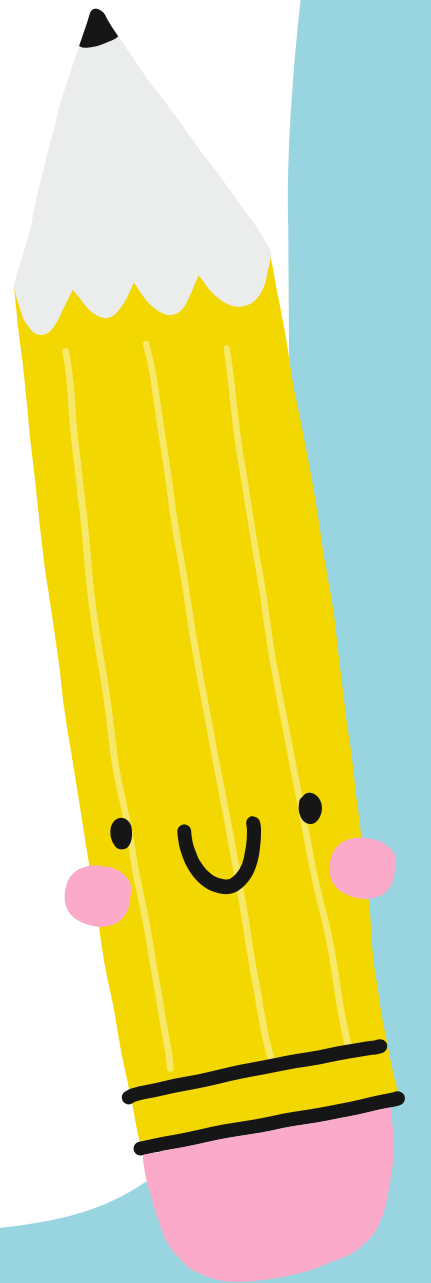
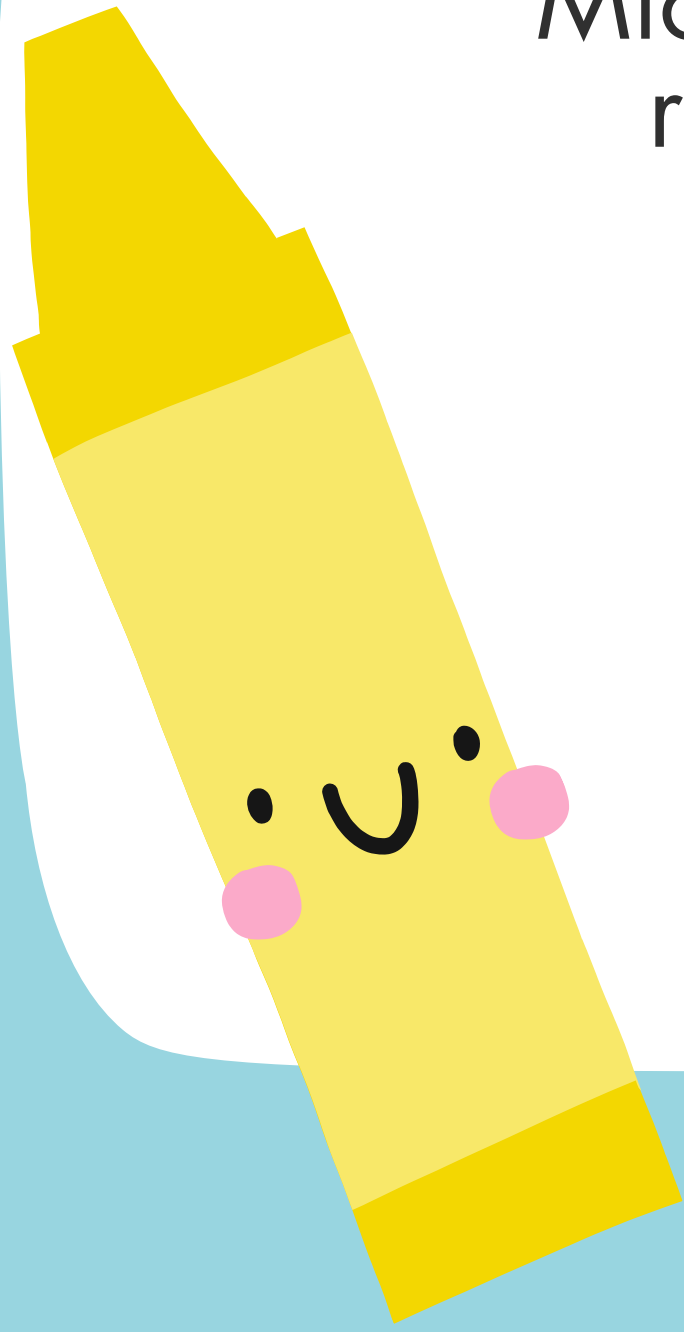
This will also give you the convenience to send any paperwork, etc. back to the classroom. If you have items that need to be returned to the office, they may also be returned in the folder and we will send it to the office for you.

SCHOOLWIDE NEWSLETTERS

You will receive Friday notes and newsletters from St. Michael that will be emailed to you. If you do not receive this, please contact the school office.

HOMework POLICY

"Homework" is not part of the preschool curriculum, but there will be days that we will send home fun little projects for the family to do together.



REPORT CARD SCHEDULE



Preschoolers will NOT receive report cards.



In place of report cards, we will assess the children in September, January, and May. Assessments will focus on social, emotional, intellectual, and physical growth.



Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled two times a year (October and February).

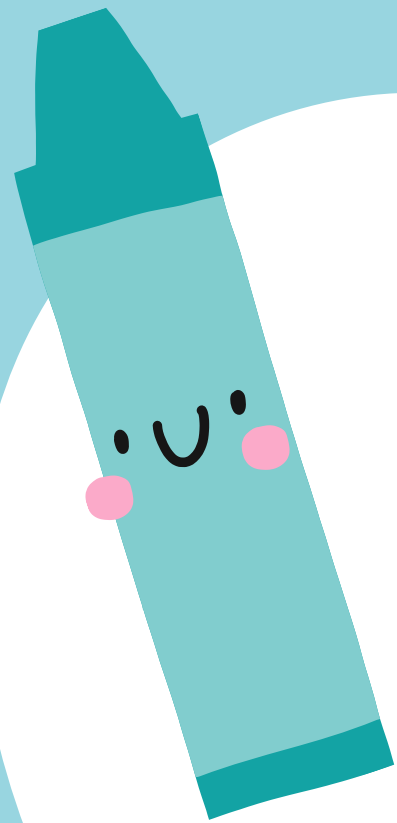
DRESS CODE

There is no dress code for the preschoolers.

Please keep in mind that we have a playground that is wood chipped and has climbing equipment.

We prefer the children to wear socks and closed-toed shoes without ties.

We also ask that girls wear shorts/bloomers under their dresses!

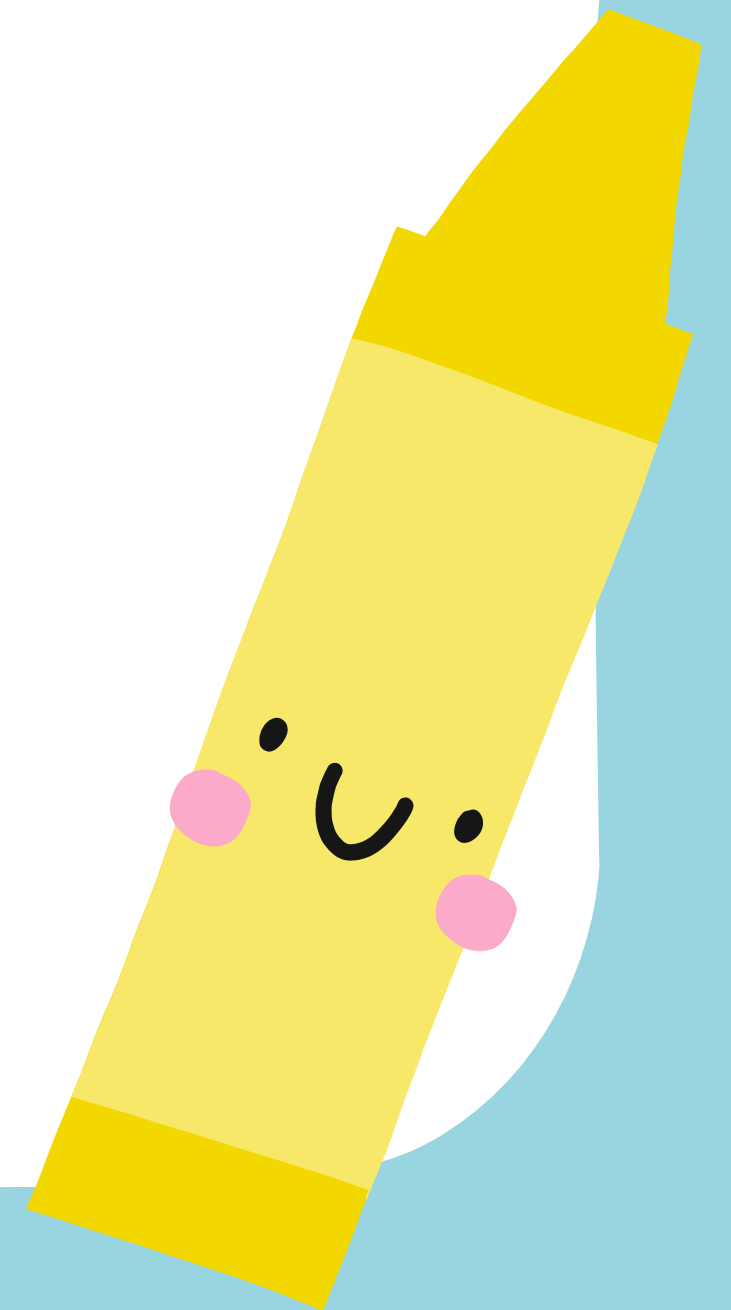
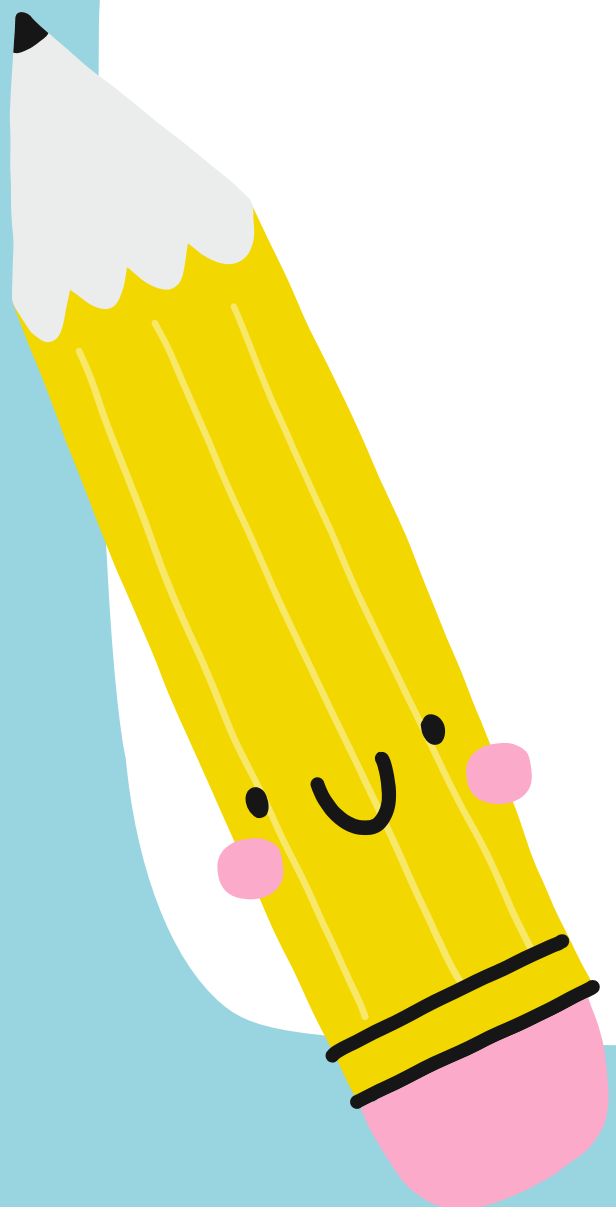


EXTRA CLOTHES

Please send an extra change of clothes in your child's backpack.

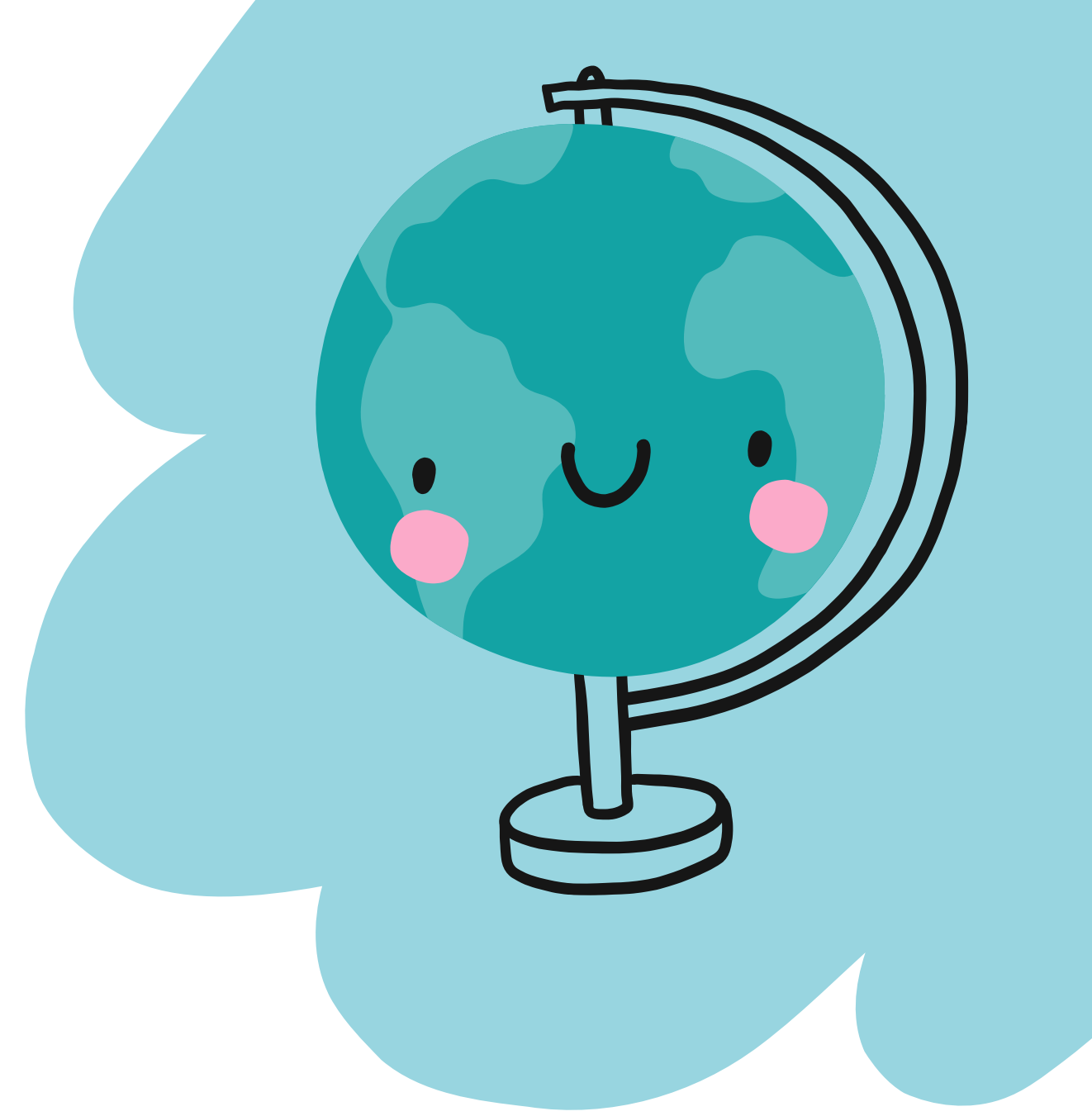
Clothes will remain in the child's backpack unless they are needed.

Please also remember to change these clothes out depending on the season!



BIST

- St. Michael's uses the Behavioral Intervention Support Team model. To achieve the "Pyramid of Success", we find it is best to partner with parents.
- When a child is struggling, we process with the child by using this 5-step triage:
 1. Who is in charge? (**Ms./Mr._____**)
 2. Will you let me be in charge today? (**yes**)
 3. What will you do if I give a direction and you don't like it? (**I will do it anyway**)
 4. What will it look like when you get a direction? (**I will be calm and sound calm**)
 5. How many times will an adult give you a direction? (**one time**)



CLASSROOM RULES



I can make good choices even if I am mad.



I can be okay even if others are not okay.



I can do something even if I don't want to (or if it's hard).

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:45 – 8:05	Arrival
8:05 – 8:15	Morning Procedures Morning Meeting Question of the Day
8:15 – 9:00	Centers
9:00 – 9:40	Recess
9:40 – 10:00	Bathroom Snack
10:00 – 10:10	Brain Break
10:10 – 10:45	Large Group Project
10:45 – 10:55	Calendar/Story Time
10:55 – 11:00	Half day friends dismiss All day friends prepare for lunch
11:00 – 11:45	Bathroom Lunch
11:45 – 12:00	Prepare for Rest Time
12:00 – 1:05	Quiet Time
1:05 – 1:30	Snack Bathroom
1:35 – 1:45	Story Time
1:45 – 2:30	Specials
2:30 – 2:55	Recess
2:55 – 3:05	Recap Day Prepare for Dismissal
3:15	Dismissal

CENTERS

ABC
Pre-Math
Library
Pre-Writing
Smartboard
Dry-Erase Board
Blocks

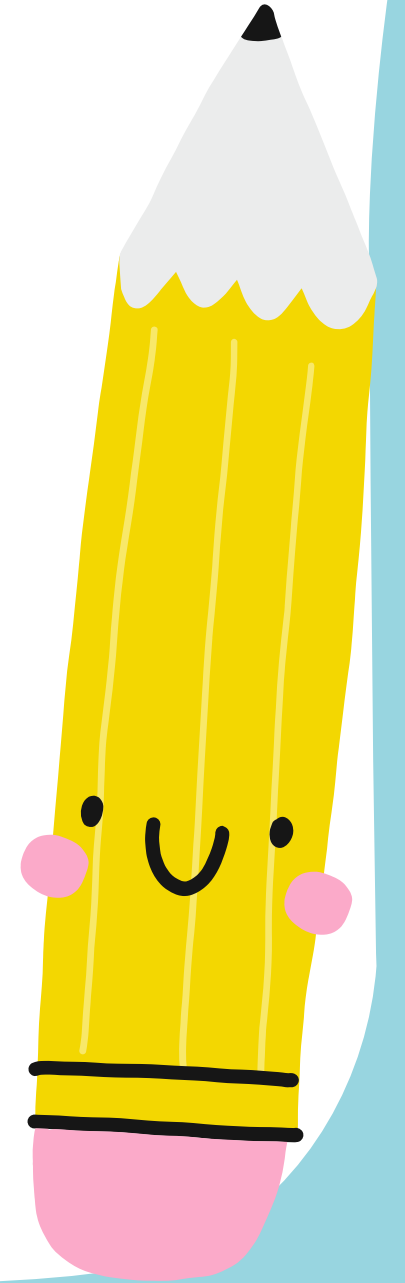
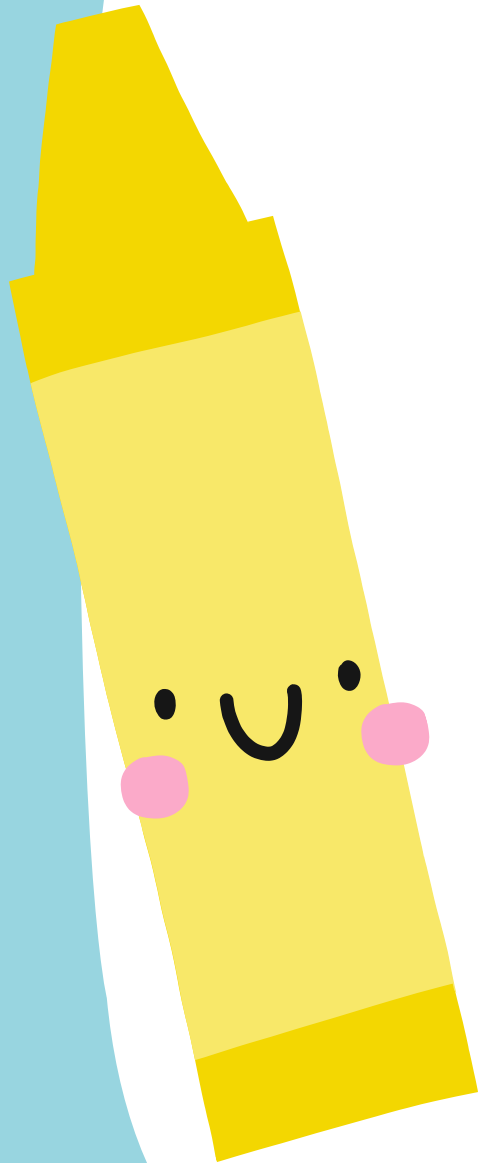
Sensory
Dramatic Play
Art
Science
Manipulatives
Lighted Table
STEM



LUNCH ACCOUNTS

If you would like to set up a lunch account for your child, you may do so at www.myschoolbucks.com. The school office can provide you with the ID number needed to set up your child's account.

With MySchoolBucks, you can add lunch funds with your credit card. You are also welcome to send cash or a check (made out to St. Michael Catholic School) to the school office, which will direct funds to our kitchen staff for distribution to the appropriate lunch accounts.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is snack provided for my child during preschool?

The school provides a morning and afternoon snack (no milk). During lunch, your child will have the opportunity to purchase white milk (chocolate milk is not an option until Kindergarten).

What does nap time look like in the classroom?

While your child is not required to sleep, they must be able to lay quietly on their mat for approximately one hour in order to allow their bodies to rest and their classmates to sleep. Your child may bring a small blanket for nap time. Nap mats will be sent home for washing from time to time.

My child no longer has accidents. Do I still need to pack a pair of spare clothes in his/her backpack?

Yes, preschool can be messy at times with spills, snacks, and crafts. An extra set of clothes can be very helpful!

Will my child's teacher be able to assist in the bathroom?

Due to student/teacher ratios, your child's teacher is unable to help with bathroom needs (including wiping).

Will my preschool student participate in a Christmas program this year?

Students in the older two preschool classes (Ms. Annie and Ms. Kim) will participate in a short Christmas program on the morning of December 18. Ms. Abby's class does not participate in the program, but enjoys a Christmas Cookie Decorating Party together on the evening of December 15.

What can I send in with my child to celebrate his/her birthday with classmates?

Students can bring a sticker, pencil, eraser, or something educational to share with friends. Edible treats must be store bought, individually wrapped, and nut free. Treats will be placed in backpacks to enjoy at home. Summer birthdays will be celebrated on/near your child's half birthday.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will my child attend mass?

Ms. Kim and Ms. Annie's classes attend mass on the first Friday of each month. We also attend on special occasions (i.e. Ash Wednesday, May Crowning).

Do the priests visit the classroom?

Fr. Weerackoon visits when his schedule allows (typically every two weeks). During his visits, he educates the children on Catholicism.

Is there a nurse available to my child?

Yes. The school nurse may contact you in the event of injury or illness. If your child has a fever, they must remain fever free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school. The 24-hour rule also applies to diarrhea and vomiting.

What additional supports are available to best serve my child's needs?

Ms. Rieke, our full-time counselor, is available to support the social, emotional, and spiritual growth of your child. Mrs. Miller, our Resource Coordinator, works closely with our resource program and LPS to prioritize early identification and intervention.

Will my child attend Specials (PE, Music, Art, Computer, Library)?

Full day students attend two Specials each afternoon (approximately 20 minutes each). As a school, we have a four day rotation for Specials.

Will my child go on any field trips?

Typically, the preschool program takes two field trips during each school year - Roca Berry Farm in the fall and Lincoln Children's Zoo in the spring (subject to change). We will let you know the dates when we receive confirmation. As we do not have school buses, we rely heavily on parent volunteers for transportation and chaperones. If you are interested in joining us on our field trips, you will need to complete the volunteer requirements (volunteer application form, background check, Safe Environment Training).