

~ Parent Information Sheet ~

St. Thomas Preschool Faith Formation Teaching Staff welcomes you to our progressive and dynamic ministry!

Preuschoolers will experience:

- Exploring and celebrating the life of a loving God.
- The <u>experience of a Christian community</u> through sharing prayers, stories, songs and art activities.
- <u>Develop greater awareness</u> through <u>brain-based learning</u> and through "live learning experiences."

To assure the success of your child's program we are requesting that you help us in these ways:

- 1. **To avoid confusion** and tears, walk into the classroom with your child. When picking up your child, please be on time and wait for the teachers to dismiss them.
- 2. **Take your child** to the bathroom before class and if needed also make sure that they have water to drink.
- 3. **Please note** that the school floors can be slippery at times. Please make sure your child wears appropriate footwear to avoid problems.
- 4. **We request** that you make sure your "little one" has adequate food before coming to class. We also ask that you <u>avoid sugared foods</u> that may interfere with his/her ability to have good quality class time.
- 5. Please bring to the first class:
 - a. Scissors...[four year old and kindergarten only]
 - b. Crayons...eight pack only
 - c. Glue Stick

Be sure to label all your preschooler's belongings and place in a zip lock bag with their name on it.

- 6. Each child will receive a **"Student Folder"** on the first day of class. This folder will go home with your child each Sunday and should be returned with the student each class.
- 7. A weekly **Parent Letter** will go home with your child. This letter compliments their lesson plan from the current class lesson. You will find the letter in your child's folder in the pocket marked "P" for <u>Parent</u>. It will be <u>necessary</u> for you to <u>read</u> all <u>notices</u> placed in the "P" pocket. You will find your child's classwork in the pocket marked "S" for <u>S</u>tudent. Please support your child by reading the letter and discussing his/her "classwork". Folders are to come to class every Sunday.
- 8. Place your **Preschool Faith Formation Calendar** in a safe place for reference. NOTE...the last Sunday of each month we DO NOT HAVE CLASS. Please remember: All Sunday Faith Formation classes **start promptly at 9:45 A.M.** at which times the classroom doors will close and remained close for your child's safety. For your "little one's" benefit and well-being,.....please be on time!!!!
- 9. "Focus Sunday" is a particular Sunday of the month that is set aside where your child will experience another element of their faith. On occasion your child will be inviting their family to attend their special performance and/or event. This is an opportunity for families to share in their faith formation as we champion our smallest parishioners.
- 10. **Please read the enclosed **Photo Release Form** fill it out and return it along with your child's registration. Throughout the school year, photo's of the preschoolers will be taken and we may publish certain events and activities in St. Thomas newsletter,, or our very own blog or website.

We thank you for your support and cooperation in the spiritual development of your child / children, and encourage you to assist and comment when necessary or required. We also want you to know that it is a privilege to be entrusted with serving and caring for your most cherished treasure!

Your Preschool Faith Formation Staff Ms. Margie, CYM

"Be a Mentor with a Servants Heart"