

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION PACKET

Class Schedules

Kindergarten will follow two different schedules this year.

- ✓ Regular Schedule – School days that are not minimum days

AM-K
8:00-11:00 am

PM-K
12:00-3:00 pm

- ✓ Minimum Days – shortened school days

AM-K and PM-K
8:00-11:00 am

- ✓ Special Minimum Days (first week of school)

AM-K
8:00-9:45 am

PM-K
10:15-12:00 noon

School Drop-off/Pick-up

AM Kindergartners Drop off for AM children is at the back of the church using the LOOP procedure. Students gather in the small yard at the yellow square. Extended Day children will be brought to the classroom. The AM children are dismissed at 11:00 am, and may be picked up in front of the office at the iron gate. Please park your car and walk to the gate for pick up. No children will be permitted to cross the driveway or street unassisted. The Extended Day children will go directly to Extension at dismissal.

PM Kindergartners Kinder gather at the front of the school near the iron gate and wait for their teacher. She will open the gate and take them to class. At dismissal PM student pick-up will be at the back of the church using the LOOP procedure. Extended Day children will go to the C-rooms to meet Mrs. Del Grande for Extension.

All Kindergartners on rainy days come directly to the classroom. The classroom will be open 10 minutes before the beginning of class.

On **Minimum Days** all K-children will arrive by way of the LOOP. Dismissal will be at the iron gate at the front of the school. Extended Day children will go to Extension at dismissal.

In the case of appointments or emergencies during school hours, please come to the school office to sign out your child. Your child will be summoned from class to the office.

Communications

In order to keep you informed as much as possible of school business, student needs, and classroom activities, the following communiqués will be employed:

- ✓ **Kinder News** is a teacher-produced newsletter published weekly through December. It will be available as a pdf file on the school website, www.strose.org under **classes>kindergarten**.
- ✓ **Kinder Gazette** is the kindergarten student produced newsletter published bi-weekly beginning in January.
- ✓ **Blue Traveling Folders** travel home each Friday or last day of the school week in student backpacks. The Blue Traveling Folder will contain homework, notes, bulletins and other information about school business. The **Blue Traveling Folder** must be returned to school on Monday or the next school day. Any information that you need to send to school may be returned in the Blue Traveling Folder.
- ✓ **Kinder Notes** are reminders and information about school/kindergarten that are sent weekly via email.
- ✓ **E-mail** is used as the main avenue of communication in Kindergarten. Please email me rbrown@strose.org from the email address(es) that you want me to use in order to contact you. I will test my list of kinder emails to make sure I have your addresses recorded correctly. Please make sure your safeguards will open my email.
- ✓ **Voice mail** is 209.
- ✓ **Web site** www.strose.org is the St. Rose School website. Please go to classes > kindergarten for additional information

If you need to contact me for any reason, use my e-mail (preferred) rbrown@strose.org, my voice mail 209, or written notes.

School Attire

Uniforms are required in Kindergarten. For details, please refer to the St. Rose School Handbook given to each St. Rose family or refer to the handbook on the school website, www.strose.org. For free dress days students are to wear uniform bottoms and a **plain** T-shirt (red, green, orange, and yellow). Teacher will specify the color for the specific day. (I.e., St. Patrick's Day would be green)

Label all coats, jackets, sweatshirts and sweaters. Put a **loop** in the neck of coats, jackets and sweaters, so they may be hung securely on coat hooks.

Athletic shoes are to be worn for school. These shoes offer good support, durability, and stability for the children. Sandals are **not** permitted and socks must be worn with shoes at all times.

No jewelry or watches (small stud earrings for girls are the only exception) may be worn by Kinder to school. If your child wears a medal or scapular, it must be worn **inside** his/her shirt.

Supplies

Each child will need a **backpack only**. **Please label the backpack with his/her name**. The backpack should be large enough to fit a folder without catching the corners. All other materials needed for school will be provided.

Snack

The children will be given a fruit or cracker snack at school. Fruit snack will need to be individually portioned in baggies or some other kind of container. Each family will in turn provide the fruit or cracker snack. A snack list will posted to the website/classes/kindergarten. Please note when you are scheduled and what you will need to provide. **AM-15, PM-15**

Toys and Stuff

Toys and other non-school stuff may not be brought into the classroom unless your child is **STAR OF THE WEEK**, and then only on Friday (or last day of the school week) of that week. Any stuff for Extended Day is to be left in the Extension room and not in backpacks.

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays at school! In Kindergarten we celebrate in a special way. Each child "treats" his/her class to a book rather than a sugary treat on his/her birthday!

The book may be wrapped as a gift and your child may open it in front of the class! We will read the book together. I will place your child's name along with his/her photo on the inside cover. The book will then be added to our classroom library and enjoyed all year long.

What a wonderful way to share your child's special day! At the end of the school year, the birthday books will be donated to the school library. If your child has a summer birthday, please use his/her half-birthday to share a book and to celebrate with the class.