



**SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS  
2024/25  
PRESCHOOL HANDBOOK**

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2019 National  
Blue Ribbon School

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS

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Attendance: Ext. 10

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### PRESCHOOL INFORMATION

Pre-K 3/4 ~ Monday - Friday ~ Full or Half Days  
Start Time ~ We have a rolling start arrival between  
7:40am and 8:30am

Half Day Dismissal: 11:00am

Full Day Dismissal: 2:10pm

**YOU MAY BRING YOUR PRESCHOOLERS  
WITH OLDER SIBLINGS.**

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Preschoolers will enter and exit through the FRONT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING (MAIN ENTRANCE).

Upon dismissal, I will bring the children out using the MAIN ENTRANCE DOORS. NO CHILD, FOR ANY REASON, will be entrusted to anyone other than the parent or authorized individual. PLEASE INFORM me at the beginning of the school day (WITH A WRITTEN NOTE) if neither parent will be picking up that day. You will need to inform me of the name and relationship of the person who will be picking up your child. Lastly, if for some reason you are detained and will be late, you must notify the school office (630) 257-6488 extension 10 as soon as possible. This will enable me to explain to your child the reason for staying a while longer at school.

## ABSENTEEISM

Procedures:

1. Call the school office prior to 7:00AM, if your child will be absent. The Attendance extension is 10.
2. If your child is ill, please call the office to discuss symptoms and discuss current COVID guidelines for returning to school.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar indicates specific holidays and teacher in-service days. Please note these days so that you can plan accordingly.

## SAFETY

For his own safety and the safety of others, your child must know:

1. HIS/HER FULL NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
2. ONLY CROSS THE STREET IN THE PRESENCE OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN, AND WHEN PROPERLY DISMISSED BY HIS/HER TEACHER.
3. LOOK BOTH WAYS WHEN CROSSING THE STREET.
4. NEVER ACCEPT RIDES OR TALK TO STRANGERS.
5. KNOWS WHAT TO DO IF HE/SHE SHOULD GET LOST.
6. THE DANGERS OF PLAYING IN THE STREET.

## CLOTHING

It is important to dress your child in comfortable washable play clothes that will adapt to food spills, paint, sand and water play. Velcro gym/tennis style shoes are recommended. No backless shoes, sandals, or crocs are acceptable.

Accidents can occur throughout the day. In order to be prepared, please place a zip lock baggie with two pairs of underwear, a pair of pants, a shirt, as well as one pair of socks in the bottom of your child's backpack in case your child needs to change his/her clothes.

Winter outerwear can pose a problem. If you are purchasing new clothing, look for the easiest on and off capabilities possible. I ask you to please label all articles of clothing that might be left at school, such as sweaters, coats, hats, gloves, boots, etc.

Please NO Dress up clothes that will interfere with using the bathroom.

We go outside all year. Please always send your child to school with appropriate outerwear and footwear.

## BIRTHDAYS

We love celebrating birthday milestones! Students can bring a special treat on their birthday to celebrate with the class. If you would like to send a food item ~ PLEASE CONSULT THE TEACHER FIRST ABOUT ALLERGIES IN THE CLASSROOM. Other non-food options are goodie bags or a book donation to the classroom library for the class to read that day.

Please do not send birthday invitations to school unless the entire class is invited.

## SNACKS

Please send your child to school with a snack, and (for full day) a lunch. Snacks should be nutritious options to ensure your child has the energy they need for their day. PLEASE DO NOT PUT JUICE IN THE WATER BOTTLES as they tend to leak. NO cans of pop will be allowed. Make sure all items are labeled with your child's name.

## DISCIPLINE

Positive discipline encourages healthy development of a child's self-esteem. I will be calling attention to appropriate behavior to influence and reinforce the children in a positive manner. Sticker books and bucket fillers will be our reward system this year.

Our classroom rules stem from safety measures and respect for one another. The children will be a part of establishing and following our classroom rules throughout the year.

## LETTER RECOGNITION/READING

Letter Recognition/Reading is covered in daily literacy centers which include activities that focus on letter recognition, handwriting activities, inventive spelling activities, sight word recognition, and pre reading through Jolly Phonics & Heggerty Early Childhood Phonics as well as videos by Jack Hartman.

## MATH

Students receive the bulk of their math instruction during Calendar Time. At this time, we focus on number recognition, simple addition and subtraction, counting by ones, fives, and tens, and shape recognition. Daily mathematic center work is also completed which focuses on shapes, simple arithmetic, patterning, measuring, sorting, ten frames and number lines.

## RELIGION

Religion class will offer your child exposure to Christian attitude and prayer. Much attention is given to creating positive self-image within the children. The name of our religion book is *Stories of God's Love*. We will also be learning four prayers throughout the year. Please use your own prayer time at home to practice these prayers with your child.

## NAPTIME

We do have nap/quiet time every day. Students are allowed to bring a blanket or stuffed animal from home for this time. At no other time will toys from home be allowed in the classroom.

## PRAYERS IN THE CLASS

### BEGINNING PRAYER:

Jesus, help me all this day  
In my work and in my play  
Both to love and to obey, Amen

### GRACE BEFORE MEALS:

Bless us, O Lord  
and these thy gifts  
which we are about to receive  
from thy bounty  
through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

### HAIL MARY:

Hail Mary, full of grace  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen

## OUR FATHER:

Our Father, who are in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen

## PRINTING

Please help your child to recognize his/her name in print. When teaching your child how to write his name, remember that just the first letter is a capital and the rest are small letters. We use the D'Nealian printing style, teaching both upper and lower - case letters.

## WORKTIME - PLAYTIME

Social skills, creative thinking and fine and gross motor skills are utilized and further developed throughout this time. Your child will be exposed to a kitchen area, puzzles, games, playdough, stencils, beads, blocks and more. Your child is learning to use a variety of manipulative materials, to express himself with them, to care for school property, to follow directions, to take turns, to work and share with others, and to plan and carry projects to a conclusion.



## STORYTIME

Story time is very important part of our preschool program. Your child will be read to on a daily basis. By listening to stories, the preschooler is learning to appreciate literature, develop an imagination, acquire a sense of humor, remember what he hears, and acquire a larger vocabulary. Also, to re-tell a story and recognize fiction/nonfiction.

## NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters or important information will either be sent home by email or in their red folders. Please check folders daily. Homework will be sent home in folders also.

## CLASSROOM VISITS AND PARTICIPATION

We will reach out if we need any parent volunteers or participation. You need to be Virtus approved to volunteer in the classroom/school. Please contact the school office for more information. Room mom and field trip chaperones will be needed this year.

We are looking forward to a GREAT year!!

WELCOME  
TO PRE-K 😊