Saint Kateri School

Parent Note

Important Academic Info

October 1, 2019

Hello Kindergarten Parents!

We are well on our way to a wonderful and exciting year in our classroom.

It is always helpful to have a frame of reference, or “goals” to work towards throughout the year. I try my best to communicate that through refrigerator pages each week, conferences, emails and so forth.

Our **goal is that by Christmas Break** our kiddos should be able to:

- identify all capital letters

-identify most or all of their lowercase letters

-produce the proper sound for many letters

-begin to write their first and last name properly

-begin to legibly and properly write both capital and lowercase letters (starting from the top and pulling down)

-begin identifying High Frequency Words

-identify numbers 1-15

-properly write numbers 1-10

I want to state that this is just a guideline**! Please do not fret if your kiddo is still working on these concepts come December! Please also note that this can be accomplished in many ways- NONE OF WHICH SHOULD BE PAINFUL OR TORTUROUS FOR YOU OR YOUR CHILD!!**

This goal can be accomplished by:

-Nightly/daily reading (stopping to identify certain letters, sounds, words, etc.)

-Reading billboards, signs in stores, menus, subtitles on tv

-Singing songs and rhyming

-Using Websites and Apps such as: ABCMouse, PBSkids, youtube videos, ABCya, Curious World, National Geographic for kids, Khan Academy, Splash Math, IKnowit Math and more!!

-Counting objects (buttons, product in the grocery story, etc.)

-Playing board/card games

-Playing and writing on mini whiteboards

-Fun flashcard games (can be purchased at target in the $1,3,5 section, Walmart, Amazon or the Dollar Store)

-Pretend play!

Attached is a copy of the FUNdations sound chart that we use to identify letters and sounds. Practicing this chart and playing games (such as: I’m thinking of a word that begins with the sound /t/ while your child points to the letter) is a really good way to reinforce phonics concepts at home.

Have fun with being a part of your kiddos learning process! Together we will make this a truly wonderful and fruitful year.

Best,

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