



Kindergarten News

Can You Read Our Writing?

We engage in many writing methods in Kindergarten. Two in particular are Journaling and Writers' Workshop. Both emphasize learning the beginning writing process through personal narrative. Many ask, how can a Kindergartener do this? Our young emergent readers are now working on putting the letters with their sounds to learn to read and write. The reading part, basically but not exclusively, starts with saying the sounds for each letter and then blending those sounds together. We sometimes call this "sounding out". Writing is a bit more challenging. To help our emergent writers we say the sounds in words at a slow pace and they write the letters for the sounds they hear. Thus, car might be spelled "kr", or octopus may be spelled "octps". Many people ask me if this type of writing will teach children to spell incorrectly or interfere with learning to read words written in standardize spelling. It has been my experience, and studies show that standardized spelling will begin to emerge as children read and recognize more words. That is where the rote learning of sight words comes in handy. Spelling the "sound out" way gives children a way to begin writing in a creative way at their own level of sophistication without limits or intimidation. The flow of writing is not interrupted by the mechanics. Bit by bit we will get to the real thing. Please help your child spell on their own often. This will empower them and instill a love of writing. Thanks for all you do to support our work!

Dads! Please join us for an exciting morning of gingerbread house building in the Kindergarten classroom! Monday, January 29, 2018 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. We look forward to having you join us. Please be sure to let Mrs. Moran know if you cannot attend as soon as possible. Thanks!



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Special points of interest:

- SCHOOL IS CLOSED, Monday, January 22nd
- DADS! Gingerbread House making in the Kindergarten! POSTPONED! NOW MONDAY, January 29th, 8:30-9:30 Please Rsvp ASAP
- January 24, 11:30 dismissal for Faculty PD
- Sunday, January 28th, Open House for prospective families—spread the word about St. A's to all your friends!
- January 28-February 2, Catholic Schools Week—More information to come!
- HABITAT Science Projects due Thursday, February 1st.
- Kindergarten Museum of Natural History, Thursday, February 1st, 1:30p.m. in the Kindergarten classroom

*How are your habitat projects coming along?
Any questions?*