

Welcome to St. Mary Preschool





Meet the teachers

Mrs. Lake and Mrs. Sam

- Mrs. Lake ...
- 28 years at St. Mary
- Married, 2 children 5 grandchildren
- Mrs. Sam...
- 24 years at St. Mary
- Married, 2 children 1 grandchild
- Favorite thing about our job?
- **SOMEONE WILL MAKE US LAUGH EVERY DAY!**

Philosophy & Goals

- Self-image
- Build Social Skills
- Independence
- Trust
- Teamwork
- Respect
- Desire to learn
- Child of God

Policies and Procedures

- Licensed under the state of Ohio, Department of Education
- Curriculum, The Cleveland diocese and all Ohio early learning content standards
- Class size/ratio
- Start/end dates
- Annual school calendar
- Parent Rosters

Why Do We Play

Why Do You Play So Much?

Dear Families,

Have you been wondering why your child always seems to be playing instead of working in our classroom?

It's because play IS the work of a child!

Research has shown that play is the most effective way to teach preschoolers.

Here's some of the things we are learning:

Social skills like sharing and self-control.

Fine motor skills to prepare us for holding writing tools.

Gross motor skills like coordination and balance.

Creative expression and taking pride in our work.

Literacy skills like book care and recognizing familiar words.

Math skills like counting, sorting, and comparing.

Science skills like constructing, experimenting, and observing.

Please feel free to ask any questions you might have about our curriculum.

Rest assured – your child is learning AND having fun!



Why do we have snack time?



Snack Time Provides

- Social skills
- Independence
- Confidence
- Problem Solving
- Communication

Snacks should be:

- Easy to eat (drink & something that can be eaten in 10 minutes, ex: fruit, cheese, cookie)
- Easy to open.....Imagine hard X 20! (refrain from go-gurt or other messy snacks)
- Something they like, have child help pick out snack.
- Birthday treats

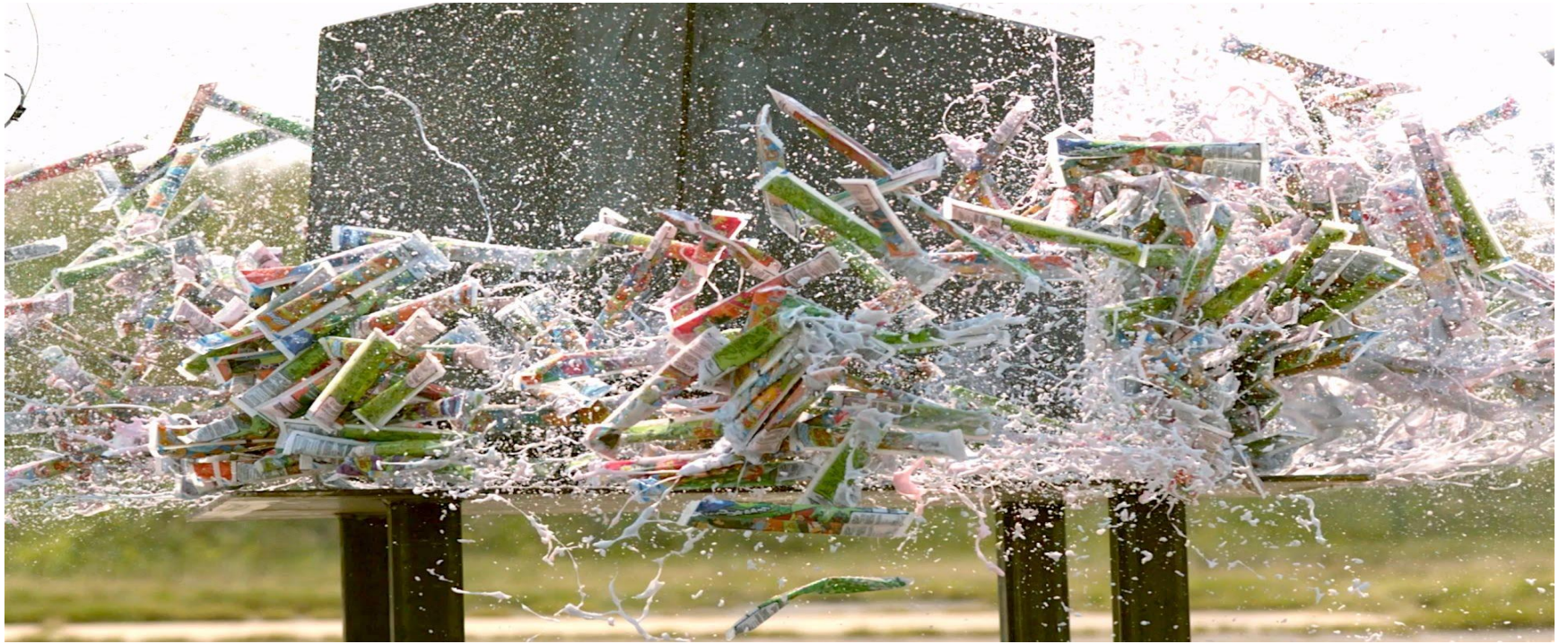
Supply List

- Backpack big enough to carry- lunch box- snacks-artwork from school to home , etc.
- Class time snack, water bottle or drink for snack time
- If staying for extended care, lunch box and 2nd snack
- Box of 8 large crayons-3 large glue sticks-box of tissue container of wipes

Change of clothes

- Please send in a complete change of clothes
- Shirt- bottoms- underwear – socks – shoes
- It's not always a bathroom issue in preschool!!

Why not to send messy snacks?



Communication

- Parent orientation
- Small meet and greet groups prior to the start of school.
- P3 progress reports 4 times per year
- P4/PK progress reports 3 times per year
- P4/PK Parent conferences in September, March & per request
- Monthly Calendars
- Newsletters

Best way to contact us

Mrs. Lake: Jlake@smsbera.org

Mrs. Sambenedetto:
tsambenedetto@smsbera.org

Transition to school

- *Sign up for meet and greet time/sign up genius
- Phase in schedule: shortened 1st day
- Short and sweet goodbye
- Positive words “you get to go to school today”
- Routines are comforting

Safety

- Fire drills
- Tornado drills
- Lockdown drills
- The entire building is locked at all times
Must be buzzed in at front office

Pick up and drop off

AM Classes

- 9am drop off at rear door of parking lot closest to playground.
- P3: 11am pick-up at same door.
- P4: 11:30am pick-up at same door.

PM Classes

- 12:45pm drop off at front of building by St. Mary statue.
- 3:05pm pick-up at rear door of parking lot closest to playground.

Preschool day care

- Hours 6:30am-6pm Monday-Friday
- Only students enrolled in SMS preschool
- Annual registration fee \$30.00
- Hourly rate: \$4.75 per hour
- Must provide packed lunch and snacks in separate bags.
- Milk can be purchased for lunch (\$5 for 20

Communicable Disease

- If your child becomes mildly ill at school you will be called to notify to come pick up.
- Child will be isolated from group with a preschool staff member until you or someone on your release form comes to pick up.
- If your child has a fever , they will need to be fever free without fever meds for 48 hours to return to school

Discipline Policy

- Redirection
- No timeouts
- Discussion with teacher
- Conference/phone call to parent if needed

Special dates

- P4 and PK walk to the fire station in October

P4 & PK Art show & Concert

- P4 & PK Graduation celebration:

When you
Enter this
Loving school
Consider yourself
One of the special
Members of an
Extraordinary family.

