

St. Joseph School
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St. Joseph School – the great learning environment for your child. Upon entering the doors of St. Joseph, your child encounters a world of learning that emphasizes **Development in the Catholic Faith, Academic Excellence, and Diverse Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular activities**. The way in which St. Joseph meets the individual needs of your child is unlike any other!

First, faith is not only taught at St. Joseph, it is caught. That's right. Your child's faith will spread and expand throughout the total experience of each and every day. Here are some signs of spiritual development in the 4th grade...

- They know what their talents are and they are encouraged to reach out and help other people.
- The students learn about being good role models.
- When our students attend other events or attend the middle school, teachers always know which students came from St. Joseph. The students learn to make good choices and they understand the importance of this.
- Cards for nursing homes and supplies for troops
- Riley Hospital donations

Second, at St. Joseph Academic Excellence is more than just good catch words in our marketing material– we are serious in guaranteeing you superior academic instruction that touches the mind, body, and spirit. Here are some signs of academic quality in the 4th grade

- We work to challenge each child by incorporating the Differentiated Instruction Technique. This way each student is learning in a way that promotes their level of learning.
We want students to stay motivated and excited about learning.
- We do hands on activities and many other ways of learning our curriculum, because we all learn in so many different ways.
- We work cooperatively in large groups and in small groups to help each other succeed. When a student gets behind, the other students are always eager to help out.

Third, learning that's confined to the traditional classroom can stifle creativity. At St. Joseph, your child will not be bored. Diverse Co-Curricular Activities support and enrich formal

instruction. Here are some signs of excellent things that complement the formal academic program in the 4th grade ...

- We work on a Soybean Unit so we can increase our knowledge in the farm area and how so much of what we use is made up of soybeans. Some items are salad dressing, candles, and crayons, these activities are hands-on and they love the product that we make at the end of each lesson.
- We cook in our classroom anytime we get a chance. We do this when something in our lesson relates to food. An example of that would be reading a book that had a story about two girls who were going to cooking class and they made a recipe. When I finished the chapter book, we decided to try the recipe. It was exciting for the students and the recipe was yummy.
- We also work with computers in our computer lab. We learn to type and to do writing papers together. We have a new math series that incorporates every lesson on the computer. Our lab has been very beneficial to us. Our spelling lists are now all taken on computers. The students actually are enthused about taking their test. We also use a program called Learn360. The students are able to view 3 to 5 minute clip on any subject. The clips help to reinforce what has been taught in a lesson. We use the Accelerated Reading Program and the Star Program to evaluate students reading ability. It also helps the students stay focused on reading and increases their reading levels.

Fourth, at St. Joseph we want your child to create the kind of atmosphere that spurs your child to not only like school, but to love it. Fun-Filled Extra-Curricular Activities are more than just an after thought. They are part of your child's daily routine. Here are some signs of our class enjoying life outside the classroom...

- Being a server at Mass
- 4th and 5th grade Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Field Trips
- Student Council – 5th
- Canterng at Mass

This dynamic school presents your child with these and many other opportunities for growth. Please contact our school at 812-385-2228 to learn more about us. Registration is ongoing for the 2017-2018 school year. My e-mail is kduncan@evdio.org. please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Thank you,

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