

Hi!

I'M MS. KOLBECK

Welcome To Kindergarten!



The time has finally come! Welcome to the beginning of another great school year! Kindergarten is an amazing year of growth and transition for children. Throughout this year your child will learn how to read, explore important mathematical concepts, and learn so much about their faith and God's love. We will also work a lot on independence. Creating a culture of independence in Kindergarten is so important. You can help to create this culture in so many ways! Here are some examples of how you can help:



1. Create a strict after school routine that includes a set time for homework and an early bedtime.
2. Encourage your child to be independent in activities such as meal times and dressing in the morning.
3. Always allow your child to unpack their own backpacks and complete their morning jobs at school on their own. They can do it! ☺
4. Begin to drop your child off in the auditorium in the morning and allow them to walk with the class into the our room all on their own (I know this is a hard one and we always love to have parents visit- but we will have PLENTY of opportunities for you to visit our classroom! ☺)

Please take time to fill out the "Getting To Know Your Child" survey so that I can learn more about you and your child! I am excited to work with you throughout the year. Communication will be key to a productive year. Together we can make this a wonderful and successful year for your child! Feel free to contact me at rkolbeck@schoolblessedsacrament.org with any questions that you may have. Here is a little more information about me! I grew up in Wisconsin with my parents and 4 siblings. My older brother is a senior analyst for Capitol One, my younger brother is an officer on a Navy ship, my younger sister is a tax accountant, and my youngest sister is in school at the University of Dallas. I went to college at Loras in Dubuque, Iowa for undergrad. I just graduated from Loyola Marymount University last May where I received my Master's in Reading Instruction.



A few OF MY favorites:



Book: Let's Go For A Drive By: Mo Willems

Season: Summer (and Fall in Wisconsin!)

Stores to shop at: Loft, Forever 21 and Target

Hobbies: Hiking, reading, working out, watching movies

Drinks: Coffee and tea

Coffee: Vanilla lattes ☺ YUM!

Colors: Royal blue and red

Spont to participate in: In college I

Pole Vaulted- I miss it a lot!

Sports team: The Packers

Place to Visit: Home in Wisconsin ☺

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR:

Homework: Homework will be sent home nightly. Homework should never take more than 15 minutes (not including minutes for reading). Homework will typically include a reading and math worksheet. If it begins to become a difficult task to complete at night please let me know. The purpose of homework is to reinforce the skills learned at school and to get students used to the routine of homework.

Reading logs: Inside your child's homework folder there is a reading log. Please keep the reading log attached to the folder. Each night it is so important to read for at least 15 minutes. Please fill out the reading log each night with the books that you read. We will have a friendly competition in the classroom throughout the year. Each time a child completes one side of the reading log (21 books) we will add a circle to their name on our caterpillar reading wall.

Morning routine: It is so important that you come to school on time. Each morning we will have assembly in the auditorium. We will then begin the day promptly after that. A schedule has been sent home to everyone, you can see that our days are very structured, it is important not to be late so that the day will run smoothly.

Behavior Charts: I have very high behavioral expectations for the students. Each day the students will fill out the behavior chart in their folder so you can see how their day went. Please sign it each night so I know that you were able to look at it.

Changes at school: This year the students will be taught science by the first grade teacher, Ms. Velte, and math by the second grade teacher, Mrs. Boyett. If you ever have any questions about how they are doing in those subjects you can always reach those teachers by using their school emails:

Ms. Velte vtoledo@schoolblessedsacrament.org

Mrs. Boyett- kboyett@schoolblessedsacrament.org

To Do List: (For Your Convenience)

- ☐ Complete and return the "Getting To Know Your Child" Survey in your child's red homework folder
- ☐ Read the "Welcome To Kindergarten" letter
- ☐ Familiarize yourself with the important information provided on this sheet ☺

Thank you!

Ms. Kolbeck