



NOTRE DAME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Kindergarten Parent,

“We believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way.”

It is a great day when your child enters kindergarten. With this step, he or she enters a bigger and broader world. The school now becomes a partner with you in the education of your child. Kindergarten is an important period in the life of any child. It should be a happy adventure in living, working and learning within a group.

The Notre Dame Elementary School Kindergarten program is an exciting, challenging program designed to meet the developmental needs of each child. Early school experiences should provide a child with opportunities to mature intellectually, spiritually, physically, socially and emotionally at a rate of growth compatible with his or her unique abilities. NDE appreciates and practices this philosophy. Each year a child's progress is assessed regularly and communicated to parents through parent conferences and report cards.

Some children arrive in kindergarten able to read, while others come to school with varying degrees of reading readiness. It is our policy to provide an enriched, guided reading program which challenges each child at her or his own rate and ability level regardless of where they are developmentally in the process of learning to read. Social skills, as well as academics, are also an important part of kindergarten. Your child will learn how to share and work with others and accept responsibility in a group.

NDE strongly believes that the education of children is a partnership between home and school. Parent involvement is crucial to the academic and social development of students. Parents are encouraged to participate in the educational process. They may serve as classroom or school wide volunteers. They also are active in the PTO (Parent Teachers Organization). NDE wants every child to have a successful educational experience. This goal becomes reality for a child when parents and school staff work together.

God Bless,

Dr. G. Traynor
Principal

Teach the children what they need to know for life.