



Dear Parents,

I am looking forward to meeting you and your child! I've been at St. Michael's since we opened. My very first year teaching was with three year olds, and I've taught grades 1, 2, 3, and 4. In addition, I've worked with and tutored children through the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. I grew up in Pawleys Island and still live there with my family.

Often the first year of school can be just as intimidating to the parents as it is to the children. In order to make this a fun and productive year for the children, we must communicate any time you have questions or concerns. Please feel free to email me or call the school office. Please don't leave a message on the answering machine – but if you leave a message with someone who works in the office I will be sure to return your call as soon as possible.

Each Monday, I'll send home a brief newsletter to keep you informed of what's happening in our classroom, and a folder (for any correspondence) will come home each day. This folder should come back to school every day in your child's book bag.

Tips to help your child have a smooth transition:

- \* Put your child's name on everything that comes to school if you want it to come home.
- \* Don't linger in the mornings. (This often makes it harder for the child to become accustomed to school without you.)
- \* Inform me of anything I need to know about your child, such as allergies.
- \* Pick your child up at the scheduled dismissal time to alleviate any anxiety your child may exhibit at being the last one to be picked up.

The first week of school, we will be getting to know each other and being introduced to the school and our rules. Throughout the year, your child will be challenged according to his or her readiness level and ability. My main goal is to have your child learn to love school while learning basic skills and concepts. In addition, I plan to build upon the skills and concepts learned during the last school year. Our class will participate in Science experiments and Social Studies, Language Arts, Religion, and Math activities appropriate for 3 and 4 year olds. A great deal of our "work" is done through play, and I concentrate on activities that promote development. Remember...any questions or concerns need to be addressed promptly so contact me any time! *I am absolutely delighted to be your child's teacher.*

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PK3 Teacher



### Pre-K3 Supply List

Please send these items on the first day of school, if possible.

- a backpack with your child's name on it
- 1 box of tissues and 1 box of baby wipes
- a small plastic "sippee" cup with a lid - no straws or flip top lids. (These can be bought at Walmart in the baby section.)
- an extra set of clothes and 2 extra pairs of underwear in a baggie labeled with your child's name
- a ***Kindermat*** (These can be purchased at Walmart and online. **Please do not send any other kind of mat.** Kindermats can be cleaned and easily sanitized and are less than \$15.)
- a small travel pillow with pillowcase (Walmart) - **not** a full size pillow
- a small light blanket - **not** a bed size one

**\*\*\* Label EVERYTHING with your child's name\*\*\***