

to **KINDERGARTEN**

Bright Beginnings Kindergarten offers a structured learning environment with developmentally appropriate lessons in the basic subjects: Religion, Science and Social Studies, Math, Reading and Language Arts.

Bright Beginnings is traditional mixed with modern teaching/learning techniques including: Hands-on Learning Activities; Lessons incorporating technology fun; participation in Gym, Spanish, Art, Music and Computer/Library Specials.

Bright Beginnings provides a faith-filled foundation following the Sadlier-Oxford Religion curriculum. The Kindergarteners pray throughout the day and make short visits to Church throughout the year. They participate in holiday programs and various school assemblies.

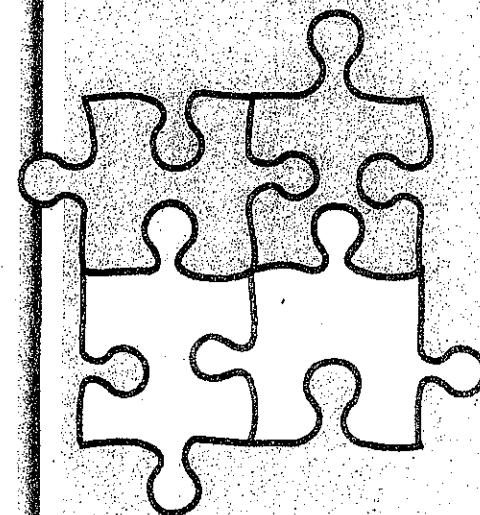
MISSION

As we enter the 21st century, Queen of Peace Elementary School provides our youth with quality education in a **safe, secure, value-rich Catholic** environment. We strive enable our students to become **upright citizens** who will embrace our **multicultural diversity** and celebrate each person in their differences.

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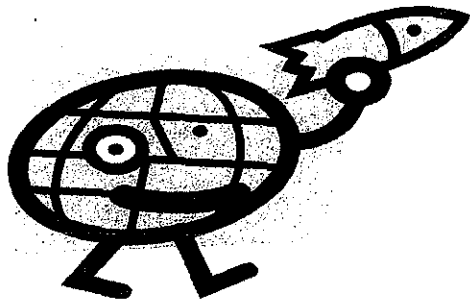
WE MAKE FRIENDS.

Queen of Peace Elementary School provides a "value-rich" and "spirit-filled" pre-school and full day Kindergarten program called Bright Beginnings for three, four and five year olds.

The Kindergarten program is five full days. Students must be five years old by October 1.

The four year olds may attend five full days or five half days. They must be 4 years old by October 1.

The three year olds may attend three or five half days per week. They must be fully toilet trained. They must be 3 years old by October 1.



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS believes that play is learning for all three and four year olds. The time spent at developmentally appropriate PLAY activities is time planned by the teacher to encourage proper growth and development of all small motor and large motor skills. This is the foundation for all reading and writing readiness. The social and emotional growth of our young children is also an important part of this program.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS considers the physical, the temporal and the interpersonal aspects of creating an effective preschool environment. The physical environment is word-rich, colorful and accessible for all students. We know that the young child's feeling of safety and security comes from consistent routines and schedules. Times of full group learning are alternated with times of small group or alone activities. Finally, both the teacher and her assistant provide lots of fun choices; positive encouragement and support and enough time to explore and discover. The children are allowed to learn from each other and solve their own problems and challenges without adult intervention whenever possible. Developing communication skills is practiced with English conversation, songs and stories throughout the day.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS day begins with a Morning Meeting where the children gather for a group lesson with calendar activities, ABC's and numbers, songs, poems and general plans for the day. Pre-schoolers learn how to play with each other in small groups at teacher-planned learning centers. Teachers continually rotate various hands-on experiences in these centers throughout the school year.

The preschoolers follow the Religion curriculum set by OUR SUNDAY VISITOR. They pray often, follow the Church holidays and participate in the school food pantry donations project each First Friday. They also enjoy special fun activities with their Prayer Partners four times per year.

The preschoolers who remain for the full day may bring their own lunch or may choose to order from our school hot lunch selections. Weather permitting, the children play outdoors, followed by a rest/quiet time. The afternoon then comes to an end with a review of the day's activities and perhaps a peek at tomorrow.