



Leap Day 2018

Kindergarten

Thank you for attending Leap Day 2018. We appreciate the opportunity to share with you all the amazing opportunities for your child next year at The Highlands School.

Typical Day

Each day we begin with Prayer, Pledge and Calendar. Calendar involves review questions and helps the children use correct vocabulary to interpret a calendar.

The day continues with Phonics, Handwriting, Reading Centers, Reading Groups, and Math. Reading Centers are hands-on activities that reinforce the lessons we are learning throughout the week. Our leveled Reading Groups are small groups of students focused on reading and comprehension. In the afternoon, we typically have History, Science, Language Arts, Junior Great Books, and Religion. Each day varies with the various specials like Music, PE, and Library.

What Should You Expect?

In Kindergarten, a major part of our year is focused on creating confident, fluent readers. From our Phonics program to our focused Reading Centers and Reading Groups, we are determined to end the year with strong readers.

In Kindergarten, the children are expected to be independent, beginning each day by completing the morning routine of unpacking and filing their homework. The children are responsible for completing all their homework each night. Between Phonics, Math, Math Facts, and Reading Folders, students should spend around 30 to 45 minutes on homework each night, Monday to Thursday. Parents do need to support and sign-off on the Reading Folders.

Students will be assessed four times a year in Math and Reading to evaluate their progress in each area. These assessments help us formulate our Reading Groups based on specific needs. The Math assessments help us identify the areas of success as well as what may need reviewing in the classroom.

Within the classroom we are determined to help every student grow and develop their various skills. As we move through the year, we watch for students who are excelling across the board as well as those who may need more individualized instruction. By being able to have a small teacher/student ratio, we are able to identify the best placement and instructional remediation for each student. For those who are excelling, we keep them challenged with higher level reading books in the classroom as well as opportunities to assist and lead where needed.

Each day the children enjoy Recess from 11:00- 11:30am. Lunch is in the cafeteria from 1:00- 1:30 and is supervised by teachers and parent volunteers.

Outside of the Classroom

This may take some research to make sure you have all of the details needed. ASK!

- Athletics (PK4 – 4th grade = parent led teams through YMCA)
- The Highlands After School Care Program

What makes Kindergarten amazing?

- Zoo Field Trip
- Class Reports: All About Me, Saints Project, Show and Tell, Australian Animal Report
- Singing and Learning Sign Language for Thanksgiving Day Program Songs, Christmas Program Songs, End of the Year Program Songs
- Unique and fun hands on activities during Apple Week, Pumpkin Week, Christmas Craft Week
- Kinder Rodeo

Setting the World ABLAZE

At The Highlands School, we have the privilege of teaching and guiding your children in becoming good Christians and providing them with an environment that is nurturing and disciplined which will be the basis for a strong educational future.