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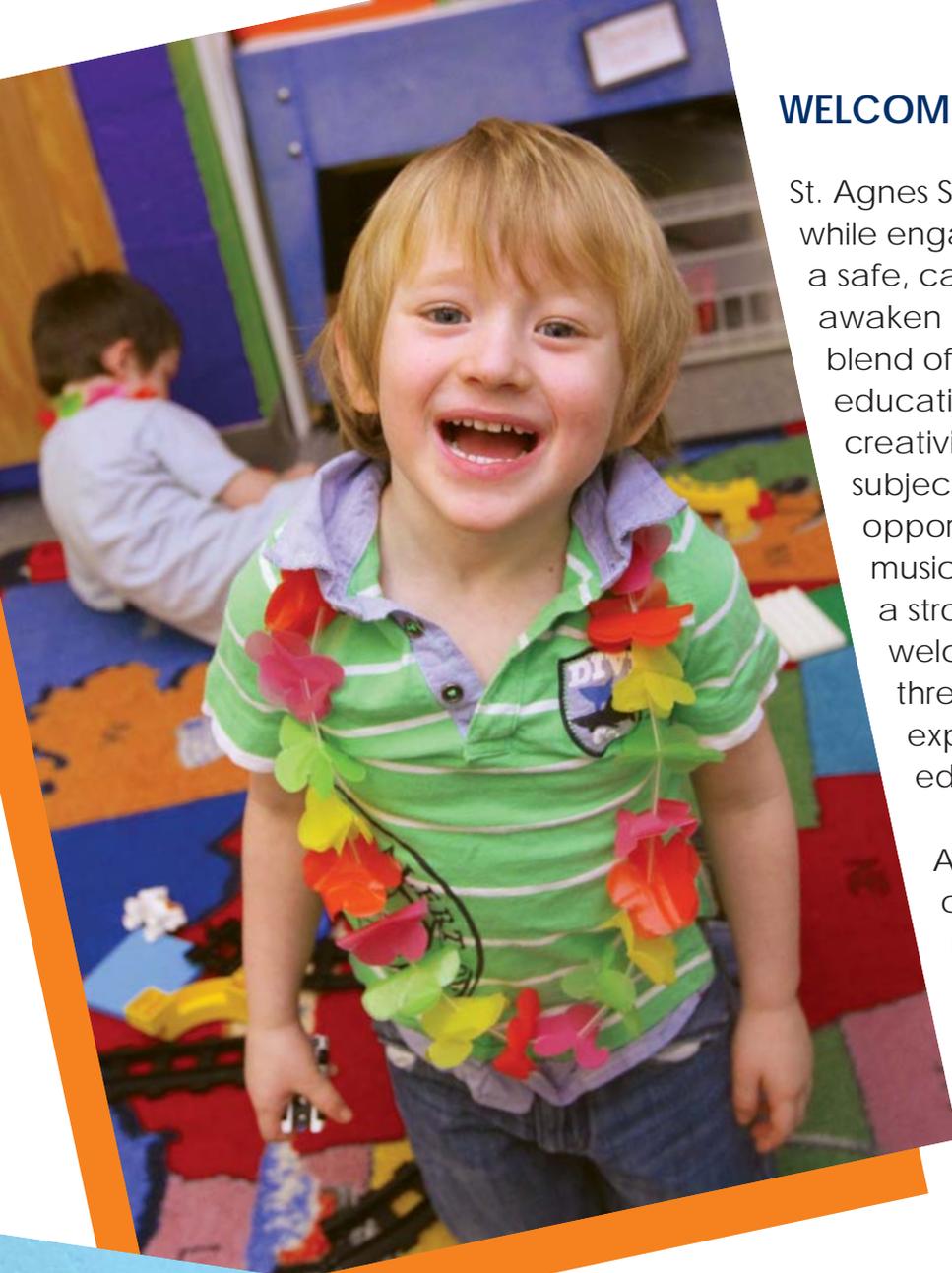


The smartest start for your child

WELCOME TO SAINT AGNES SCHOOL

St. Agnes School cultivates intellectual growth while engaging heart and spirit. We provide a safe, caring, family-like environment. We awaken a lifelong love of learning through a blend of traditional and progressive educational approaches. We encourage creativity and confidence in the core subjects supported by extensive opportunities in art, foreign language, music and technology. We provide a strong foundation in literacy. We welcome children of all faiths from three years of age to third grade to experience an excellent primary education.

As Lake Placid's only early learning center, St. Agnes School meets the needs of developing young students whose parents want their children's first academic and social experiences to be great ones.



EDUCATION Our academic program adheres to and expands upon the New York State Common Core Learning Standards with special attention to best practices put forth by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. In our vibrant and nurturing setting, we are able to foster cooperative and experiential learning while individualizing instruction to create happy, proficient, lifelong learners.

FAITH We share with parents the responsibility of fostering the spiritual growth of children of all faiths. Religious education and character development are components of the St. Agnes curriculum. We encourage students to grow religiously, spiritually and morally, as well as physically, socially and intellectually. Students begin to establish their own beliefs and values and respect those of others.

FAMILY The role of St. Agnes parents and caregivers cannot be overstated. Family involvement is integral to each student's education.

Opportunities for involvement include joining our many celebrations, volunteering in our classrooms, offering an arts activity or presentation, participating in the PTO, chaperoning field trips or simply joining us for lunch in the cafeteria.





PRE-KINDERGARTEN FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Our teachers practice “whole-child development,” nurturing children’s social and emotional growth by providing a range of one-on-one, small group and full class learning opportunities. Students listen, share, take turns and problem-solve in our learning, play and technology centers. These habits are reinforced by participation in “specials” like gym and French.

SCHOOL READINESS

Pre-academic and skill-building opportunities include learning to spell and identify one’s name, the ABC’s, letter sounds, number identification, counting, quantity discrimination, shape names, and listening and speaking. We use learning standards from the Pre-K Foundation for the Common Core and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) as a framework for our curriculum.

ENRICHMENT THROUGH PLAY

Providing plenty of time for play allows children to develop their imaginations, physical dexterity and cognitive abilities. Emerging interests are identified and supported through play. For this reason, our daily schedule balances student-guided and teacher-guided opportunities for play in the classroom, on the playgrounds, and in our well-equipped gymnasium.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS

IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

Our three-year-olds have an abundance of opportunities to engage in structured and unstructured imaginative and creative play. Our children explore how things work by using art materials, playing at our learning centers, and partaking in songs and games. Physical activity is a big part of our curriculum, and children have access to two playgrounds and a well-equipped gymnasium.

WORKING WITH OTHERS

Three-year-olds are supported as they make new friends, learn to share, and work closely with caring adults and in small peer groups. Children learn and feel safe within our predictable and enjoyable school routines. We create classrooms that promote self-expression and self-awareness, and we cultivate important social skills such as listening, sharing and taking turns.

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Teachers carefully plan schedules and curriculum that encourage cognitive, physical and emotional development. Children are introduced to books, letters, patterns, counting, puzzles, games and interesting objects. Music, art and dramatic play are often incorporated to ensure that learning multi-sensory and interactive.



KINDERGARTEN

We believe that Kindergarten students learn best when they're actively engaged and having fun. Our child-centered curriculum incorporates activities that improve coordination; develop language, reading and writing skills; and encourage problem solving and social awareness. By embedding skills and content into all aspects of the curriculum, academic learning that children may otherwise find tedious is transformed into something in which they readily participate.



St. Agnes Kindergarten students are exposed to all NYS Common Core Learning Standards. The outcome of our Kindergarten design is simple: every child is prepared for his or her journey through school and has gained a love of learning.



1ST – 3RD GRADES

In 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades, learning abounds. The curriculum encourages students to explore, discover and build upon individual strengths and talents. We use a whole child approach to education. Our skilled teachers design grade-level curricula with students' cognitive, academic and social growth in mind.

Educational research demonstrates that the quality of instruction students receive in the elementary grades often determines future school success. We aim to encourage students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades to become skillful and confident learners in language arts, math, science, and social studies.



ART

In our art classes, children joyfully express themselves and complete multi-step, creative projects using paint, clay and fiber. In addition to building fine motor skills, art classes encourage inventiveness and decision-making.

FRENCH

French instruction is divided into thematic units in which students learn about life in France, Mardi Gras, famous French people, and landmarks of Paris. Special emphasis is placed on vocabulary and speaking.

MUSIC

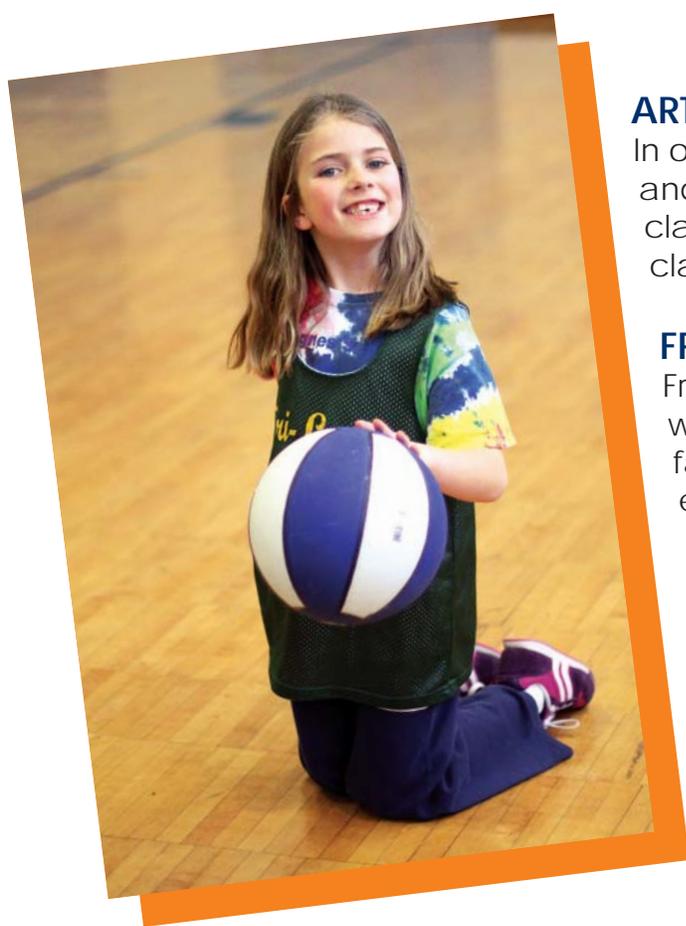
The music program at St. Agnes exposes children to rhythm, song and theatre. Students sing, dance, play instruments and practice for shows, including a Christmas concert and a spring musical.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Gym class at St. Agnes develops sports-specific skills, coordination and balance, and good sportsmanship. Gym is also a time when our children can simply be active and learn healthy habits.

SCIENCE

Science at St. Agnes is a hands-on exploration of the natural world. Using the Next Generation Science Standards as a guide, students design and implement experiments that reinforce scientific thinking. Students learn to ask questions and look for answers in a fun, experiential and thought provoking environment.



FAITH FORMATION

Students are encouraged to deepen their faith through understanding the teachings of the Catholic faith. Daily lessons use developmentally appropriate texts and hands-on projects. Students learn to embrace gospel values and acts of kindness, and they come to understand that we are all God's children, we are all special in His eyes, and we are called to serve Him by serving one another.



TRADITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

- 100th Day of School Party
- Afterschool Program
- Authors' Night
- Blessing of the Animals
- Catholic Schools Week
- Christmas Bazaar
- Christmas Concert
- Coffee with the Principal
- Crowning of Mary
- Geography Night
- Grandparents Tea
- Halloween Parade
- Reading Olympics
- Restaurant Nights
- Science Fair
- Spring Gala
- Spring Musical
- Summer at St. Agnes (day camp)
- Tucker Farms Fall Trip
- Whiteface Lodge
- Holiday Party





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