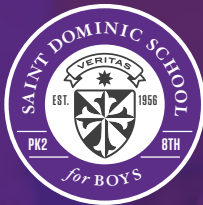


Early Childhood Center



The Dominican
COMMUNITY of SCHOOLS



Learn lessons
that last a
lifetime.

The R.D. “Johnny” Davis Early Childhood Center at the Dominican Community of Schools is committed to providing a nurturing, faith-based educational setting for young boys and girls, as well as their families. In a safe environment, both boys and girls learn, explore, and make choices as they experience their world, its wonder, and its challenges alongside one another.


Our curriculum is comprised of activities that promote learning through play by doing and by watching and imitating – and our supportive environment makes it okay to make mistakes. We know that this is the way young children learn best.

Caring, talented faculty members create a loving, secure, and challenging environment, crafting a program that provides our youngest boys and girls with the opportunity to explore their first experience as a community of learners.





We Believe



Our Early Childhood program allows children to be active and engaged learners. We have the materials and tools to explore, think creatively, solve problems and make connections to the real world.

WE BELIEVE:

Children learn best in an environment based on respect that fosters self-esteem and builds confidence.

Children learn best when curriculum is designed with children's development in mind.

Children learn best when the needs of the whole child are met.

Children learn best when they use play to translate experience into understanding.

Children learn best when activities are designed to allow them to make choices and to solve problems.

Children learn best when we create a partnership with the family.

PK2 Program

Our earliest learners walk into a new world of wonder. New environment, new teachers, new routines, and maybe even a new uneasiness about being away from home. So in our program for two-year-olds, we emphasize building the foundational comfort and confidence for future success. Our teachers focus on key skills and benchmarks to ensure happy and successful development.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Learning independence, self-care, responsibilities in a group, and selflessness

MATH AND SCIENCE READINESS

Elementary counting, shapes and colors

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND CREATIVITY

Progresses through stages of creative play

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Increased comprehension and vocalization

MOTOR SKILLS

Preparing grips for writing, cutting,
and drawing

READING READINESS

Building and expanding
alphabet recognition



PK Program

Our Pre-Kindergarten learners are busy, active, and energetic. They are growing curious about their surrounding environment and ready to absorb new vocabulary words, develop motor skills, and begin to understand the concept of cooperative play. While we are focusing on the social and emotional aspects of learning, we continue to introduce important learning in a methodical and logical way.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Letters, sounds, story elements

MATH AND SCIENCE READINESS

Counting objects, shapes and patterns, sorting

SOCIAL STUDIES

Days, months, seasons, Pledge of Allegiance

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Independent work, sharing, self-control





JK Program

Armed with new confidence and foundational skills, our Junior-Kindergarten learners are ready to explore and advance. It's a big year for reading and math skills, but our JK teachers are also aware that this is still an important window for social and emotional development as we prepare our learners for Kindergarten and beyond.

READING, WRITING, AND GRAMMAR

Sight words, vowels and consonants, rhymes, beginning journaling

MATH

Counting and skip counting, numerals, simple graphs, patterns, ordering

WORK HABITS

Following directions, personal responsibility, independent work

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Cooperation, listening, self-control, courtesy





Faith is our guide.

The foundations of the Catholic faith and Dominican tradition are woven into the fabric of our daily life. With Jesus at the center, our goal is to instill Catholic moral values, to encourage the practice of ethical behavior, and to support the spiritual growth of all students.

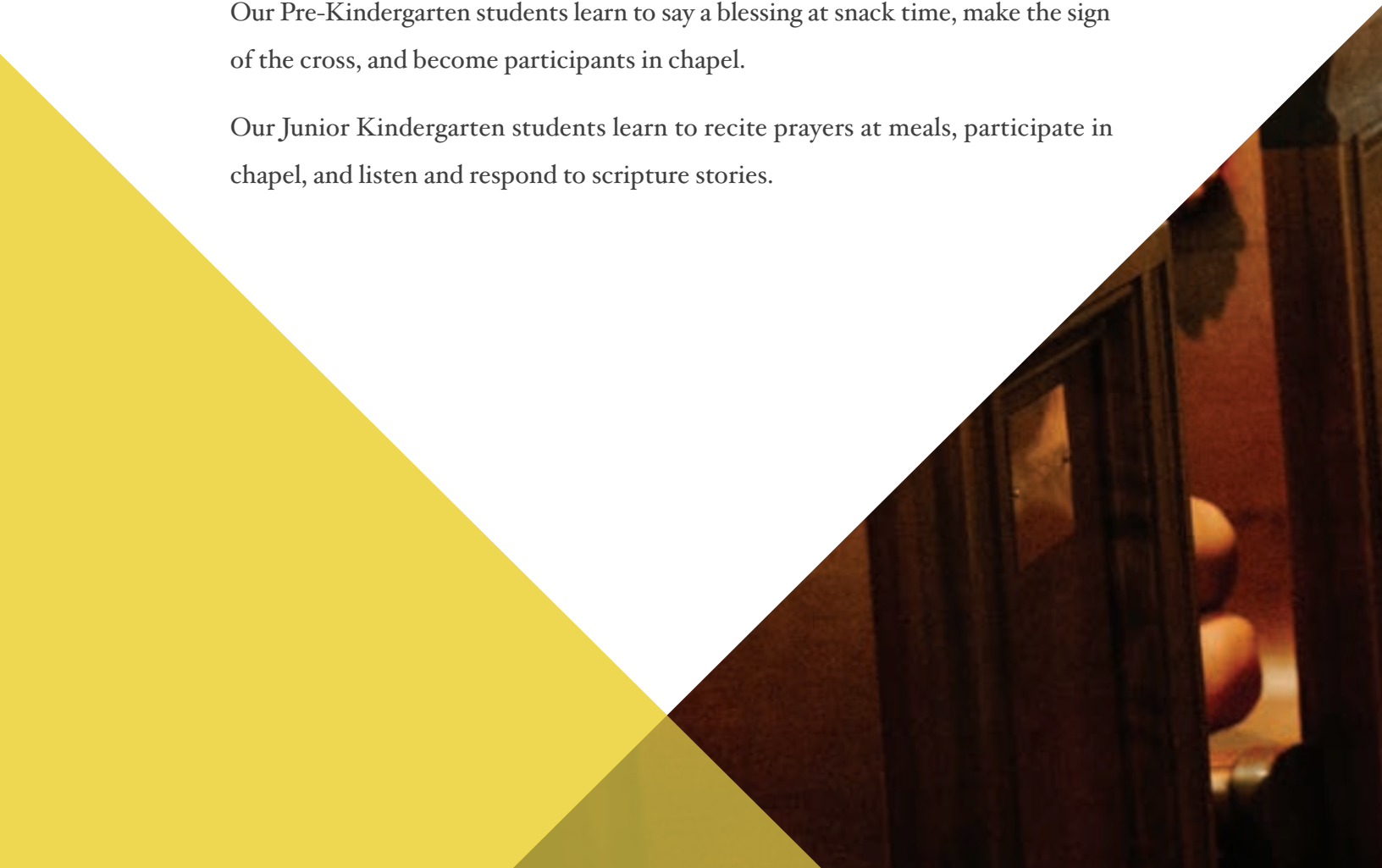
Part of the Dominican spirit means accepting and welcoming students and faculty of other denominations. Everyone is felt to be a part of the whole. Every child brings something from the experience of faith in his or her life, and every child has a gift to give.

No one is too young to learn about the love of Jesus and his commands for our daily lives, and we weave these stories and practices into our daily lives at the Early Childhood Center.

Our PK2 students learn simple prayers and what it means to participate in chapel.

Our Pre-Kindergarten students learn to say a blessing at snack time, make the sign of the cross, and become participants in chapel.

Our Junior Kindergarten students learn to recite prayers at meals, participate in chapel, and listen and respond to scripture stories.





A place to keep growing.

Once families experience this learning environment centered on faith, academic achievement, community, and outreach, they know this is where they want their child to continue to grow and learn and develop. Opportunities abound in the Lower School at St. Agnes Academy for girls and at St. Dominic School for boys.



The Lower School at St. Agnes Academy for girls opens the eyes and minds and hearts of girls and prepares them like no other school for their journey to success. They grow their faith, build friendships, learn from attentive teachers committed to their success, and emerge as confident girls who are ready for what's next.



St. Dominic School for boys is a special place where boys can learn and grow and shine like nowhere else. St. Dominic engages their minds, strengthens their confidence, fosters their friendships, and builds it all on a foundation of respect and kindness that is rooted in faith.



The opportunity to seamlessly transition to elementary school helps our little ones in this crucial next step to becoming successful and faithful young adults.

