



“These are the things I learned (in Kindergarten) by Robert Fulghum

1. *Share everything.*
2. *Play fair.*
3. *Don't hit people.*
4. *Put things back where you found them.*
5. *CLEAN UP YOUR OWN MESS.*
6. *Don't take things that aren't yours.*
7. *Say you're SORRY when you HURT somebody.*
8. *Wash your hands before you eat.*
9. *Flush.*
10. *Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.*
11. *Live a balanced life - learn some and drink some and draw some and paint some and sing and dance and play and work everyday some.*
12. *Take a nap every afternoon.*
13. *When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.*
14. *Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.*

Kindergarten at St.Pius X

Term 1 Outline:

Term 1 is a very busy and exciting time in the Kindy class. A child's ability to interact socially and develop their own emotional skills is of the upmost priority in Kindergarten. We are learning appropriate mat manners, that we put our hand up to speak and how to wait our turn. As well as how to share with our friends and to be responsible for our own things.

This term in Kindergarten our Literacy focus will be a book based program that encourages speaking and listening courtesie and concepts of print. For example what is a word, parts of a book etc. We will be focussing on recognising our name, the letters in it and counting syllables in the words we hear. In Numeracy we will be exploring 2D shapes, patterns and colours. The children will be engaging in group and individual counting as we develop their one to one correspondence. We will begin the Diana Rigg Fine motor and scissor program that encourages the movement of small muscles and visual eye tracking. This will be done through arts and crafts. For Religion we will start our day with a daily prayer and be highlighting how Jesus lived and how he helped others. We will learn how to make the sign of the cross and show reverence when we are talking about Jesus. Focus areas for Religion will be how we look after God's world, Bible stories that include Noah's Ark, Zacchaeus and the Easter stories.

The children will be participating in Physical Education, Library, music and movement. We will also be exploring our outside environment and incorporating loose parts into our play. What a great start to the year!

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