



St. Joseph of Cupertino School

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Junior Jaguars Preschool Mission and Philosophy

Mission:

With the support of our families, St. Joseph of Cupertino Preschool is committed to educating the whole child. We place importance on the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of each unique child. Our goal is to instill in young children a lifelong love of learning by providing a safe, nurturing, and developmentally appropriate environment; one that promotes self-esteem, respects family diversity, encourages personal growth, and helps develop a close relationship with God, all while fostering the understanding that school is a safe place to explore, learn, and grow.

Philosophy:

Our preschool program is an integral part of St. Joseph of Cupertino School. All core areas of our curriculum begin in preschool and subsequent grades build upon the foundation laid during a child's time in our preschool program.

We offer a hands-on, developmentally appropriate curriculum based on current knowledge of early childhood education. Preschool students will grow in their social/emotional, physical and cognitive/academic skills by interacting with their peers, teachers, and environment through both teacher-directed small and large group activities, as well as through their play. These experiences will not only support their self worth but also prepare them for a seamless transition to St. Joseph of Cupertino Elementary School and the world beyond.

As a Catholic school, we base our education upon the teachings of Jesus - teachings which foster respect, responsibility, justice, gratitude, and peacefulness. We believe in working in partnership with our families to cultivate the spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of each unique child. We are also committed to nurturing the values of the Gospel message in our daily contact with each other, with the students, with the families, and with the larger community. Religious development will be approached simply and through the total context of the child's life.

Student Learning Expectations:

These Student Learning Expectations were developed and approved by members of the St. Joseph of Cupertino School community, and they represent the values we expect of and foster in our students.

St. Joseph of Cupertino Students are:

Spiritual
Peaceful
Academically Prepared
Respectful
Confident
Community-Oriented
Life-Long Learners
Strong Communicators

We are committed to focusing all learning toward these expectations, our mission statement, and our philosophy.