

WINGS Initiative

Why WINGS for early learning?

WINGS classrooms are amazing places for even our youngest learners. Starting with our Preschool program, children begin to stretch their wings. Simply put, Multi-age WINGS classrooms offer families something that most classrooms do not: Flexibility!

The WINGS classroom is a place where children can learn at their best pace. Students are grouped flexibly, with an emphasis on an individualized experience. Skills and concepts are introduced based on readiness, which means that each child grows at a velocity and trajectory perfect for them.

It's halfway through the year and many of our kindergarten students are currently working at a 1st grade math and reading level. That's because the learning doesn't stop when the child has reached the end of a grade level--they simply keep moving on. For children who need extra time on a skill, the flexibility allows them to master the content before being forced along to the next one.

The Holy Spirit gave the people seven gifts: wisdom, understanding, wonder and awe, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, and reverence. These gifts are what we seek to provide through the WINGS Initiative, in our classrooms, hallways and playgrounds.

We are very proud of the program we have in WINGS. If you'd like your child to soar, consider visiting with us.

Free with every enrollment: A custom made set of WINGS to fly.



100 Day & Pattern Building



Take a K Test Flight:

St. Catherine = March 13th & 27th at 8:30 AM

St. Joseph = March 12th & 26th at 9:45 AM

St. Michael = March 20th & 21st at 2PM

These sessions will give families an opportunity to see WINGS in flight. They include:

- Introductory Presentation by Mrs. DeYoung (15 Minutes)
- Classroom Visit (30 minutes)
- Q&A Session with Kindergarten Teacher (15 minutes)

Please feel free to select the session that is most convenient for your schedule. All will provide a similar experience.

"Multiage is life, and Life is multiage!": Learning is the personal construction of knowledge, and education is based on strengths, needs, goals, plans and assessment.

"The most important period of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six." ~Maria Montessori

Did you know the brain development peaks at age 3? Early learning is so important!



Why WINGS is different

Our flexibly grouped, individualized program allows parents to choose from various schedule options for their early learner. Kindergarten is full days, Monday through Friday. For those children who are not quite ready for full time kindergarten we offer alternate schedule options based on the individual needs of the child.

And because our program is based on individual readiness, they can grow into full time K at anytime during the year. No waiting until the following year if they are ready sooner!

2012-2013 MAPs Testing

Tested Subject	Fall WINGS average score	Fall Nat'l median	Level Above	Winter WINGS average score	WTR Nat'l median	Level Above
Reading	148.00	143.00	*5 above	157.00	151.00	*6 above
Math	150.00	144.00	*6 above	163.00	151.00	*12 above

How we assess growth and development

All WINGS students take the MAPs tests 3 times per year (measures of academic progress). This is a flexible assessment, which adapts to the level of the student. It gets progressively harder as questions are answered correctly giving teachers a reliable score. MAPs are taken by 5.5 million students nationwide.

*In MAPs, 1 or 2 points can equate to several months worth of growth/achievement. For example, the average K student grows 15 points over the course of the entire year. 12 points above is the national average for Fall 1st grade.

We also use Running Records to track literacy growth, as well as Reading A-Z. For math, we utilize Moby Math which is an adaptive math program that levels lessons according to skill readiness.



Options for PS, Pre/D K & K



Preschool

St. Catherine Campus = 3's and 4's

St. Joseph Campus = 3's and 4's

St. Michael campus = 3's and 4's



Attending as K and Pre/D.K/ Young 5's

Full Kindergarten

Developmental Kindergarten



Student Centered Classrooms

Authentic Assessment, Mixed Ages, Focus on Success, Cross-Age Learning, Respect for Individual, Mentoring/Leadership, Autonomous Learning, Child-Centered, Flexible Grouping, No Labeling

Our Mission: Education Infused with Faith

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