

Testimonials

St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School



Our children have attended St. Francis Elementary since Transitional Kindergarten. They are now in the 2nd and 5th grades, respectively. During the time we have been a part of the St. Francis community, we have felt safe and secure in the knowledge that all staff have our children's best interest at heart.

The academic excellence of the curriculum, together with the emphasis on healthy bodies through the rigor of sports outdoors and indoors, serve to enhance our children's confidence and well being. The teachings of St. Francis permeate the fabric of the school. Kindness and compassion for each other in times of joy and sorrow are expressed abundantly and consistently.

We live in Fair Oaks and commute a great distance to be here. In this frenzied world of cyber electronics and casual values, St. Francis stands out as a rock; a magical place where your children are nourished, loved and educated. No distance is too far, for what our children receive at St. Francis.

~ Angela Curiale

When I thought about the questions "What brought you to St Francis? Why did you enroll your child in this school?" -- my reasons are two-fold. My granddaughter began at St. Francis Elementary when she was in the fifth grade. Her father, our son who lived next door to us on adjoining 5-acre parcels in the country, had just passed away the year before, and she and her mother and her brother moved to "the suburbs" in Rocklin. Avalon was a "country girl" at heart, having been raised for her first eight years in wide open country, riding horses and loving the outdoors. When she moved to Rocklin and enrolled in the "neighborhood school" she was terribly unhappy, and felt really out-of-place. St. Francis was a safe haven for her. She makes friends easily, but seemed out of her element in the cliques that can often happen in a neighborhood school where all of the kids started out in Kindergarten together. St. Francis brought her back to the "family" that she so desperately needed. She became, once again, the gregarious, fun-loving, friend to all that she had previously been.

My husband and I were actively involved in all of the St. Francis opportunities for parental support on Avalon's behalf, and came to know the school, the staff and the active parish involvement very well.

Avalon graduated from St. Francis elementary, and that same year my grandson, DJ, came into my life. I became his guardian and as he grew, my thoughts for his education and safety became prime concerns. DJ lived with my husband and me and when DJ was 4 years old, his papa died. It then became my sole responsibility to find a "safe-haven" for DJ, and St. Francis came to mind first and foremost. We didn't meet many of the criteria for acceptance into the Kindergarten program, but I put DJ's name on the waiting list anyway. I wanted him to have a good foundation in a school with high academic standards, a dedicated and highly competent staff and administration, and an exposure to an educational environment based on the principles of faith.

When I got the call to come in for an interview with the Principal about DJ's acceptance to the school, I will never forget the comment "We would love to have you as a part of our family." DJ is now in the first grade, and he sees the world around him through the St. Francis lens of "Acts of Courtesy". He will tell me on occasion when an action he has observed is "not showing the love of God". To have a six-year old understand and practice the principles set forth by St. Francis could not be a better testimony to the school and its ability to develop and instill in young people values that will sustain them throughout their lifetime.

~ Marge Peterson

We all hope our children will blossom and grow. St Francis provides the nurturing educational & religious environment to ensure that they do. But St Francis is more than an environment - it's a family. A broad-based, diverse, loving family. Everyone at the school - from Principal Cheryl Ramirez, to teachers & staff, to parents - cares about the health and success of each student. The school comes together in times of celebration and sorrow. We support and encourage one another.

My children have both attended St Francis since Kindergarten. Now in 5th Grade & 8th Grade, they are strong in academics and Faith. They also have friends from many cultural backgrounds, and from all over the region. As my daughter looks forward to attending high school in Fall 2012, I'm confident she is prepared for the challenges ahead, as my son will be. The family of St Francis Elementary has brought out the best in both of them and helped them flourish.

~ Laura Bell