



St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School Highlights

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- Established in 1895, 128 years old.
- International Baccalaureate School for PYP and MYP.
- TK through to 8th grade - one class per grade
- Qualified staff with Masters and Ph.D credentials
- Longevity of staff
- Community of diverse ethnic, socio-economic and faith backgrounds.
- Heritage of achievement, academics, preparation and dedication.
- 7am - 6pm Extension program with no waiting list.
- Full Time Achievement Specialist



“*Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible,*
St. Francis of Assisi”

- Catholic School Band.
- Choir
- Hot Lunch program
- Drama Club
- Student Council
- Sports - Cross Country, Track and Field, Girls and Boys Volleyball, Flag Football, Pee Wee Pups, Little Dribblers, Boys and Girls Basketball and Golf Team.

Siempre Adelante



St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School - Kindergarten

The four International Baccalaureate themes we explore in Kindergarten are discovered through play and hands-on activities. Here are some of the highlights from Kindergarten:

Kindergarten Program of Inquiry:

Who We Are: Kindergarteners learn about community helpers and what it means to be a helper. We learn that everyone in a community can make an impact, no matter how old you are. At the end of the unit they brainstorm a problem they see in their school community and develop a solution to that problem.

Where We Are in Place and Time: This unit discusses the importance of maps and how we use them to explore our community and the communities around the world. We will end our discovery of maps by creating a map of a community we are a part of that includes the important features of that community.



How We Express Ourselves: Art is a driving force for self-expression. During this unit, people convey their uniqueness as individuals through the arts. We will learn how to use different art forms to share our talents with each other.

Sharing the Planet: Kindergarteners investigate the needs of plants and what they need in order to survive in their environment. Each student in Kindergarten plants their own seeds and cultivates them through each stage of life, all while observing and recording their observations in their plant journals.

Phonics, Math, Science, Social Studies, Religion, Technology, Spanish, and PE are woven throughout these units and drive our learning all year long.

In addition to the in depth units we explore, we also have a special relationship with our 8th grade students! Our Big Buddy and Little Buddy partnership with 8th graders allows both classes to grow as individuals. Kindergarteners create bonds with their Big Buddy that last for years. Kindergarten is an exciting year of exploration and growth!

