



SAINT NICHOLAS SCHOOL, II

MARCH 2012



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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SPRING PARENT OBSERVATION AND TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our Spring Observations and Teacher Conferences are scheduled from March 1-16. A sign up sheet is available at the front desk. Observations are scheduled one parent/family at a time in each group. After the observation is over, a parent Observation Form is completed for parental feedback. An appointment is then made in the office for a private conference with the Homeroom Teacher to review the child's progress records.

PARENT ADVISORY MEETING

Our next monthly "Bring your Lunch" meeting with the head, administrators, and board members will be on Monday, March 5th at noon in the conference room upstairs. The topic for this meeting will be a review of our *Languages Through Phonics* programs for PK through Grade 2 and the Baby LP program for Infants through Age 3, and other language curriculum that supports it. On February 6th, we presented some of our Elementary 5-7 Year curriculum and what to expect into moving into our Elementary department. This is a Montessori class and a continuation of what has begun in Primary III and IV.

The subjects for Montessori 5-7 Year Elementary Class are:

Religion, Daily Morning Prayer (Chapel), The Hymnal, Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed, Ten Commandments and other memory work. Bible story books.

Montessori Language, Math, Sensorial, Practical Life, Science, Geography, Music, and Art. Grace and courtesy are also taught. Material with cards in English, Spanish, French, and Latin *Focus*, a Phonological Awareness Program *Languages Through Phonics*, Levels R, A, B. Language through sounds, reading, spelling, grammar, composition, and literature *English Oral Literature for daily story time: Peter Rabbit's Bookshelf*, 23 volumes by Beatrix Potter, *My Book House*, Volumes IV and V, and *Stories from History: Greek, Roman, Bible, Medieval, and Modern*

Spanish, French, and Latin: Languages Through Phonics method, beginning reading, and oral story time for literature. Prayers and hymns from *Prima Latina* and *Lingue Angelica*.

Physical Education: Coach Gordon, soccer, games, and fitness

Outdoor Education: animal care, gardens, and ranch life

SPRING FUNDRAISER

Our Spring Fundraiser will begin soon! The school is teaming up with USA Fundraisers to help raise money for our school! This year we will be offering the Touch of Elegance Candle Brochure - A selection of candles and gifts for all. The fundraiser will begin Thursday, March 1st and end on Thursday, March 15th. Your information packets will be sent home. We thank you for supporting your school!

PRIMARY CLASS ABC TEST MARCH 19TH-30TH

This test is given for the first time to Primary I and II students in March. This test includes the names and sounds of the letters, blending, and reading short vowel words. Primary III and IV repeat the test after the first three quarters and then take the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills the fourth quarter.