



Holy Family Catholic Academy
Early Learning Center
School Wide Learning Expectations

It is our goal that our students will grow to be.

ACTIVE CHRISTIANS...

- . . .Who practice and live their faith on a daily basis through prayer and actions
- . . .Who show respect to one's self, others, God, the church and property

LIFE LONG LEARNERS...

- . . .Who acquire and apply knowledge to real life situations
- . . .Who set realistic goals and strive to achieve them

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS...

- . . .Who are able to reflect upon their actions/choices (positive and negative); learn, apply and grow from it

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS...

- . . .Who are able to verbally express themselves in a positive manner
- . . .Who are able to listen when others are talking
- . . .Who are able to speak with confidence and poise in both positive and negative situations

OUR COMMITMENT to the children....

Holy Family Catholic Academy and Early Learning Center dedicates its focus on the personal growth of each child by teaching Catholic Doctrine, building community, and providing service to others, always striving to realize each student's individual learning potential by supporting multiple experiences for successful life-long learning.

It is important that faculty and staff at Holy Family Catholic Academy and Early Learning Center demonstrate the Catholic values and social teachings, which our mission statement is based upon.

ELC Classroom Expectations

- Focus is placed on tuning in to the children's needs, family/community building, and living as Jesus wants us to (the Golden Rule).
- A great emphasis is placed on respect, cooperation, and the taking care of not only ourselves but also the people and things around us. This can be done by being courteous and showing good manners. (Respecting one's property and the property and thoughts of others are encouraged and enforced at the ELC).

We know that our responsibilities revolve around helping children receive wonderful childhood experiences. Too often children grow up faster than they should due to media and various outside factors.

In order to help provide positive childhood experiences, we will not tolerate or allow:

- Bullying
- Vulgar or adult language
- Teasing and bathroom language
- Silly and inappropriate kissing/touching of each other. (We will encourage friendly behavior with hugs or hand holding. It is also common for four year olds to begin talking about becoming "boy/girl friends or marrying" their peers. We will talk about how these things exist, and are wonderful to look forward to but we will mainly focus on being and living as 3, 4, & 5 year olds).

General Classroom Rules/Consequences

CLASSROOM RULES

1. Walk and talk inside. Run and shout outside.
2. Take, play, put away.
3. Share, be kind, and be safe.
4. Hands are for working and playing.

CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL CLASSES

1. Teacher calls your name.
2. Teacher redirects/reminds you.
3. Take a break (sit & watch).
4. Talk with the TEACHER.
5. Teacher talks with MOM/DAD.
6. Create an "I'm sorry" note or fix the wrong (to be used in extreme cases).

How Love Raises Children

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my drawing on the refrigerator, and I wanted to draw another one!

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me good night, and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you become very angry, and stay calm and "use your words", and I learned to do that too.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give my clothes that didn't fit any more to those less fortunate and I learned to reach out to others to help.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you read, just for fun, and I learned to love books and reading.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you look at the night sky, and I learned to see beauty in the world around me.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you sing as you worked, and I learned that work can bring great satisfaction.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you fail and make mistakes and I saw you keep doing your best, and I learned perseverance.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked... and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

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