

**WELCOME**  
TO  
**ST. JOHN**  
**KINDER KOUNTRY**  
PRE-SCHOOL

**OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to provide a warm loving environment in which your CHILD may feel secure, learn and grow. Parents and teachers working together will make every child's pre-school experience a positive and exciting stepping stone to the future.

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**  
**KINDER KOUNTRY PRE-SCHOOL**  
625 Frame Rd.  
NEWBURGH, IN 47630  
812-853-7653

**PHILOSOPHY**

St. John Kinder Kountry Pre-School is a learning center for young children. The classrooms are planned to encourage curiosity, exploration and problem solving in an atmosphere of warmth, affection and respect for the individual child. Teachers plan experiences based on a monthly curriculum guide. Children are involved in activities which include foundations of math, science, social studies, creative art, language arts, music, movement and dramatic play. All interrelated aspects of the child's growth and development are considered....**INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL, AND CREATIVE.**

**OBJECTIVES**

- Development of a positive self-concept
- Respect for the individuality and rights of others
- Positive ways of interacting with peers and adults
- Acceptance and expression of positive and negative feelings
- Growth of independence and self-sufficiency
- Growth of creative thinking and problem solving
- Cognitive growth and development
- Small and large muscle development

## **DAILY ACTIVITIES**

The children are encouraged to learn through investigation, exploration and problem solving. Interest centers have been designed to encourage learning. Weekly the curriculum revolves around a theme which offers children novel and concrete learning experiences and practice in physical and intellectual skills.

**GROUP TIME** The children meet and share ideas, stories, experiences, sing songs, learn finger plays and discuss the weekly theme.

**FREE CHOICE** Children are encouraged to explore the environment. Each child is FREE to choose from a variety of activities.

**WORK JOBS** Teacher---made games and equipment which reinforce perceptual motor development--matching, sequencing, patterning, classifying etc.

**MANIPULATIVE CENTER** Small motor, hand-eye development activities such as puzzle, pegboards, building apparatus, math and alphabet games.

**BLOCK CENTER** A variety of large and small blocks, wheel toys, model animals, villages and people are available.

**DRAMATIC PLAY** Child-sized kitchen, dress-up clothes, mirror and props for other role playing situations.

**SCIENCE** Magnifying glasses, plants, animals, rocks, magnets, water, air, shells and seasonal nature items are available on a daily basis.

**MUSIC** Record player, records, rhythm instruments, head phones, individual listening areas. Children explore rhythm instruments, sing, follow directions and enjoy the art of movement to music.

**LANGUAGE** Always available are: story books, tape players, storytelling tools, flannel board activities, puppets, alphabet and numeral boards, and BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!.

**CREATIVE ART** A variety of activities are offered covering many realms of artistic experiences; children are free to explore, investigate and create at their developmental level.

**STORYTIME** A quiet time when children meet for storytelling, story reading, puppets, flannel board or finger plays and educationally developed story tapes and videos. Children are encouraged to retell stories in their own

words.

**SNACK** Children and teachers relax together for the social event of sharing a snack and recalling events of the day or week.

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITY** Daily when weather permits.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**OPEN HOUSE** is held in August. Parents and children have a chance to visit school, meet the staff, parents and children. School fees and the first month's tuition are paid during the open house.

**APPLICATION FEE** The application fee of \$25.00 is a NON-REFUNDABLE fee.

**TUITION** is due the first of each month. A \$5.00 fee will be assessed for late payment. Payment is considered late after the 5th day of the month and the late fee will be automatically added to the balance of the next month's tuition.

**PAYMENT** If payment is sent to school it **MUST** be in an envelope with the child's name clearly printed on the front of the envelope. Forty-five days notice is required if your child is withdrawn during the school year. Without the forth-five day notice the parents are responsible for the next month's tuition.

**RECORDS** A file is required on every child enrolled. Files required: (1) signed registration form, (2) enrollment history form, (3) current medical form signed by the physician (4) emergency information. All forms **MUST** be turned into the office by Sept. 15.

**CHANGES...**If your address, phone number, sitter, health problems, or family members change during the year, please **NOTIFY THE OFFICE**.

**ABSENTEEISM** If your child is ill or will not attend school for any reason, call school before 8:30 A.M. If no answer **PLEASE** leave a message. We are unable to accept a child who arrives and seems ill. This is for the protection of everyone. If your child becomes ill at school, you will be notified and required to pick-up the child immediately. A **CHILD WHO CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES, WHEN WEATHER PERMITS, SHOULD NOT ATTEND PRESCHOOL.**

**VACATIONS** If a family vacation is scheduled during the

school year, contact your child's teacher or the director. Regular tuition rates apply for the month. Check with the teacher after vacation for needed information.

**DRESS CODE**...Creative art and outdoor activities are an integral part of the daily curriculum. Therefore, washable clothing should be worn at all times. All outer clothing should be marked with the child's name. Children are encouraged to dress and undress themselves. Parents can help by teaching their child to put on and remove outer clothing in proper sequence.

**BOOK ORDERS** Weekly Reader order forms will be sent home with the children throughout the school year. This is an opportunity for the parents to purchase books at a reasonable price and to provide reading material for the parent and child. There is **NO OBLIGATION** to order books. If you decide to order, make your check to **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**. It saves the office time when the checks are properly filled out. The school receives points for all orders and these accumulated points are turned into active learning materials for the children.

**STUDENT BAGS** Each student will receive a bag to carry items to and from school. It is important that your child bring their bag **EVERY DAY**. Mark your child's name inside the bag. We will put the child's hand print on the bag during the month of September. Please check your child's bag for items that are not school related. Many times children will put things in their bags and we cannot be responsible for these items.

**SCHOOL CLOSING** When Warrick Co. closes school because of inclement weather, we will also close. Tuition remains the same. When Warrick Co. has a delayed start time and morning kindergarten is canceled, morning pre-school will also be canceled. Listen to the local radio and TV stations for announcements concerning school cancellations and delays.

**LEADER FOR THE DAY**...A SHARING EXPERIENCE - The leader for the day will be responsible for show & tell, juice and snack for their class. Send **ONE ITEM** for show & tell sharing. Send a large grocery bag with your child's name printed on the front for return items. If the show & tell bag does not get to your house----send the show & tell, juice and snack in a grocery bag.

**PARTIES** Special days and holidays will be observed throughout the year. Party parents are responsible for a **SPECIAL SNACK, JUICE, NAPKINS, A CRAFT, STORY and TWO (2) OR MORE GAMES**. The party will be held the last **HOUR** of the

scheduled class time. The parents will be in charge of the entire party time. Two or more parents will sign-up for each party. The expense and time should be shared equally. Plan the party together and look forward to an enjoyable time with the children. Parents are encouraged to contact each other in advance of the party for planning.

**NOTE:** Children to dress like their favorite storybook character on **HALLOWEEN!**

**SNACKS** We encourage parents to send **HEALTHY SNACKS** such as fruit, cheese, raisins, crackers, pretzels, peanut butter, chips, Jell-O etc. Help your child pick out a snack following the theme or alphabet listed on the monthly calendar. Glasses are available for each class. We discourage sending soft packet drinks. Send in individual juice box drinks, a large canned drink or other drinks of your choice such as milk, chocolate milk etc.

**BIRTHDAY PARTIES** are the appropriate time for sweets. **PLEASE, NO CUPCAKES !** Most children cannot manipulate a cupcake for snack. If you choose to send in a cake provide enough plates, forks etc. for class.

**BIRTHDAYS** \* Every child will celebrate their birthday or un-birthday at pre-school. You may send a **SPECIAL TREAT!** Watch the calendar, be creative and let your child prepare for the celebration. Bags of candy are not recommended and are discouraged. Please **DO NOT** send balloons to school, they can be a dangerous item for pre-schoolers. Children have the option of bringing something for everyone in their class or giving a gift to school. This will be a parent & child decision.

**PARENT DIRECTORY** A directory with addresses and phone numbers will be sent home approximately 2 weeks after school begins. Due to the printing cost only **ONE** directory will be printed for each family.

**FIELD TRIPS** Field trips will be taken throughout the year. The **PRE-SCHOOLERS** (2 day/week) will ride the bus on two occasions; one in the fall and one in the spring. The **Pre-K** classes (3-5 day/wk) will go on several trips during the year. Parents interested in attending, should contact school **48 hours before the trip**. Transportation is provided by a school bus. The trip fees are paid at the beginning of the school year for **Pre-K** classes. If there are additional trips scheduled parents will be notified in advance of the date and cost. **YOUNGER CHILDREN SHOULD NOT ATTEND THE FIELD TRIPS**. This is a special day for the **PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN** and space is limited..

**COMMUNITY HELPERS** Community helpers will visit the school during the year. If a parent has a special talent to share

or is a community helper, call school and volunteer for a visit. We also enjoy visits from parents and grandparents who have special occupations or hobbies.

**PETS** Children may bring pets to school for **SHOW & TELL**. Contact your child's teacher to schedule a pet visit. Parents are asked to be present during the visit and assist the child. The pet **MUST** be taken home after the brief visit. Pet visits are scheduled as the first activity of the day.

**MARKING ITEMS**...All clothing items, such as coats, jackets, umbrellas etc...should have your child's name clearly marked. We cannot be responsible for items not marked.

## **CLASS SCHEDULES:**

**PRE-K.....A.M. 8:30 \* 11:00**  
**PRE-K.....P.M. 12:15 \* 2:45**  
**PRE-SCHOOLERS...A.M. 8:45 \* 11:00**  
**PRE-SCHOOLERS...P.M. 12:00 \* 2:15**

**ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL** Children **SHOULD NOT** arrive before their designated time. Dismissal is scheduled for completion at the listed times. Children are ready for pick--up approximately 10 minutes before scheduled time. It takes approximately 15 minutes to dismiss ALL children.

**DROP-OFF** Parents are requested to use the following arrangements when loading and unloading children. ALL children should be dropped off at the north entrance and picked up at the same entrance. **NEVER** drive away until your child or car pool children have entered the building and the door is **CLOSED**. **The safety of each child is our first concern. Children should not leave their auto until it reaches the concrete pad.** PLEASE, inform others who will be in charge of your child...

**SAFETY - SAFETY - SAFETY**

**PARKING** If you must enter the building FOR ANY REASON pull the auto out of the regular traffic pattern. **Please, DO NOT leave your auto parked in the driveway at any time.** **PICK-UP** Pull forward past the front door if you are a lead car. **THREE cars are loaded at the same time. All children load from the drivers side or the driver should exit the auto and load the child or children on the passengers side.** If you are loading more than 3 children pull to the right side and come to the door for the children. Your cooperation and patience will be appreciated. Please notify your child's teacher if your child is being picked-up by someone different or if they are not riding in their regular

carpool. Send a note to the teacher so this information is available before pick-up.

**PROMPTNESS** - It is extremely important to be prompt when picking up your child and inform others who may picking-up your child about the school schedule. Also inform others about the proper entrance and exit for preschool pick-up and drop-off.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** All **PRE-K** children will participate in our annual CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.. The parents will be responsible for providing costumes & cookies. The date will be announced as soon as it is arranged.

**ZOO** ....The Pre-K classes will celebrate the end of the year with a class trip to the ZOO. We do not have a formal graduation ceremony. The last day of school will be celebrated with an ice cream party and lots of fun.

**PRE-SCHOOLER' SPECIAL EVENTS** Pre-schoolers who attend two days per week will have a "**SPRING SING**" at our annual family picnic in **MAY**, the last day of school. This picnic is for all Pre-schoolers and their families. Information will be provided in the early Spring.

**FUNDRAISER** The parents are asked to participate in a fund raising event. This is an integral part of the budget. In the past, money has been allocated for **fencing, playground equipment, copiers, computers, cabinets and extra expenses** throughout the school year. If you are not interested a **donation** will gratefully be accepted.