



*Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Statement: We are a Catholic community of faith striving to follow Jesus, pledging each day to do our best by imitating Saint Francis of Assisi as "instruments of peace." Our goal is to maintain a safe and healthy environment and to be academically prepared for this technological age.*



**Dear Parents and New Friends,**

**Our first day of school is coming soon. We are sure that you are getting as excited as we are. We have been busy getting our classroom ready and we have everything ready just for you!**

**In kindergarten we will read lots of stories. We will work and play every day. We hope you are ready to come and have fun with us. Be assured that we will do our best to make this school year an enjoyable time for your child, but also a time filled with real learning. The skills we practice daily in kindergarten are the building blocks for your child's future success in school and life!**

**An essential part of your child's kindergarten experience will be parent/teacher communication. Our monthly newsletter will be on the school website [www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org) telling you what we will be doing in the class that month, about class events, as well as, schedules, parent/teacher conferences, progress reports and report cards. Also you will receive a weekly Thursday envelope with all the information about what is going on in our school; this envelope must be returned the next day with your signature. If you need to contact us please send a note with your child in the morning.**

**Your child's regular and prompt attendance is critical for success in kindergarten. Most learning experiences are based on prior knowledge or involve interaction with others. It is almost impossible to make up work at home. Please be sure that your child arrives on time every day, except in case of illness or emergency. If your child is absent, please remember to call the school nurse at ext. 30 and send a note explaining the reason for the absence.**

**We are looking forward to meeting you and your child at the open house following the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday, September 13, 2009. Follow the handprints to our classroom. You will receive additional information at this time.**

**Sincerely,  
Mrs. Burke and Miss Gratta**