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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.

From the Computer Lab
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Welcome to Computer Science class! I am your child's teacher, Mrs. Eileen Callum. I am excited to be teaching all the students at St. Francis of Assisi School – Grade Pre-K to Grade 8.

The computer lab is equipped with 31 hp Compaq computers running Windows XP Professional operating system. Microsoft Office products: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access, are used in the teaching process, along with other applications for drawing, math, and language arts.

Each grade will learn a different level of computers. Pre-K to Grade 2 will learn the parts of the computer and their basic functions. Practicing using the mouse and reinforcement of classroom learning is also covered. I will also be introducing MS Windows and word processing to the students as well as introducing them to the Internet. Keyboarding (good old-fashioned typing to you and me) will also be introduced and stressed. I feel it is important to begin teaching keyboarding early to avoid bad typing habits in the future.

Grades 3-5 will continue word processing and, of course, keyboarding is stressed. (You may hear your child "complain" that Mrs. Callum always says, "Home row keys!") I will be introducing spreadsheets, database, and slide presentations. Students will also learn how to research using the Internet and use Internet Webquests to enhance classroom learning.

In Grades 6-8, keyboarding skills are reinforced, and we will be continuing advanced word processing, spreadsheets, and database skills. We will also be doing Internet research, webquests, and slide presentations.

On my main page are links to three valuable websites that address internet safety. I invite you to take a few minutes to read them.

Please feel free to contact me at my email address with any questions or concerns.

Click the "back" button to return to my webpage.

Eileen Callum