

August, 4, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I'd like to welcome you to our Pre-K4 program at St. Peter Academy! I'm Mrs. Vitone and I will be your child's teacher. Let me start out by telling you a little about myself. This is my eleventh year teaching at St. Peter Academy and I'm very excited to start a wonderful year of learning. I attended Centenary University as an undergrad and transitioned to the Early Childhood Education graduate program at New Jersey City University.

I have great expectations for your child and myself. I think we will have a fun filled year of learning and growing together. The Letter People curriculum is organized around themes that integrate knowledge across all subject areas. The engaging nature of the Letter People draws the child into the learning process and makes it fun. We will be covering transportation, dinosaurs, the five senses, planets, sea creatures, animals, butterflies in the Spring and my favorite, Dr. Seuss! This is just a sample. There's much more that we cover! We will discuss it further on Back to School night, Sept. 19th.

There are a few forms that I would like you to fill out before the start of the school year. You will find all the forms on the school website: spare.org. The *Student Information Sheet* is for me to keep in the classroom, this one is separate from the main office. It is also a way for me to get to know your child. The back of the form has questions about your child's likes and dislikes, feel free to fill it out. All forms are also on my webpage. The main office requires all forms to be returned before school starts, on Wednesday, Sept 6th. Check the website for scheduled dismissal times during the first week.

Orientation will be on **Tues.,p Sept. 5 at 8:00 a.m.** in the school cafeteria to introduce all the PreK teachers (both Pre-K3 and Pre-K4). It should last approximately an hour. We'll go over a few basic things. You are welcome to bring your child to stay in the classroom with our aides while you attend the meeting.

I will be in school on Monday, August, 28, 29, and 30th from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. to accept your child's school supplies. This makes it easier for me to focus my attention on your child on the first day of school. Make sure your child's name is clearly labeled on all items! All school supplies must be dropped off prior to the first day of school.

Lastly, please take a recent photo of your child (head/face) and send it to me. I'll print it and place it on their desk, locker, sleeping mat, etc. Feel free to contact me with any questions. My email is MVitone@spare.org

Sincerely,

Mrs. Vitone, Pre-k4 Teacher