St. Michael Lutheran School & Preschool
Christ for Kids Childcare Center

Education with Christ at the Heart

7211 Oakland Drive
Portage, Michigan 49024-4151
School: (269) 327-0512   CFK: (269) 327-4889

Fax: (269) 327-3148   www.stmikeschool.org

Mr. Greg Johnson, Principal
Mrs. Emily Ritchie, CFK Director

Kindergarten Readiness

At St. Michael Lutheran School, our goal is to provide your child with the highest quality, Christ-centered education. Part of that process is to make sure your child is in the correct program to maximize their potential. Below is a list of several criteria that we require of our students entering kindergarten. Additional screening may be required to support the correct placement.

- Must be fully Potty-trained. Child can pull pants down/up; get on/off toilet, wipe/flush independently. May need help with buttons, snaps or zippers.
- Has an enthusiastic attitude toward learning.
- Persists in tasks and seeks help when encountering a problem.
- Has age-appropriate self-control.
- Has the ability to listen to directions and conversations. Follows one and two-step directions.
- Speaks clearly enough to be understood.
- Listens with interest to stories and can retell favorites.
- Uses scribbles, shapes and letters to communicate written ideas.
- Sings the alphabet. May have some basic letter and number recognition.
- Rote counts to 20, counts up to 10 objects with meaning.
- Identifies 4 shapes.
- Knows and recognizes 8 basic colors.
- Desires some independence.
- Has the ability to play well with others.
- Has basic fine motor skills such as holding a pencil, building towers of blocks, cutting simple shapes with scissors, putting strings on beads.
- Has basic gross motor skills such as pedaling a tricycle, jumping in place, balancing on one foot, and catching a ball.
- Recognizes rhyming words.

Two online parent questionnaires are available at the following sites:

- ❖ Parentaware.org/quiz/#

- www.kinderiq.com/kindergarten-readiness-test