



# St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School Highlights

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- Established in 1895, 129 years old.
- International Baccalaureate School for PYP and MYP.
- TK through to 8th grade - one class per grade
- Qualified staff with Masters and Ph.D credentials
- Longevity of staff
- Community of diverse ethnic, socio-economic and faith backgrounds.
- Heritage of achievement, academics, preparation and dedication.
- 7am - 6pm Extension program with no waiting list.
- Full Time Achievement Specialist



“*Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible,*  
St. Francis of Assisi”

- Catholic School Band.
- Choir
- Hot Lunch program
- Drama Club
- Student Council
- Sports - Cross Country, Track and Field, Girls and Boys Volleyball, Flag Football, Pee Wee Pups, Little Dribblers, Boys and Girls Basketball and Golf Team.

Siempre Adelante



# St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School - Transitional Kindergarten

The four International Baccalaureate themes we explore in TK are discovered through play and hands-on activities. Here are some of the highlights from TK:

## TK Program of Inquiry:

**Who We Are:** TK students discover what it means to be a part of a family. Families look different for each individual and the TK class explores this idea and investigates their role in their own families. As students come to school we introduce the idea that our classroom can be like a family as well and that our actions and choices impact our friends.

**Where We Are in Place and Time:** TK students explore celebrations around the world. Throughout the year we investigate celebrations that occur in different cultures and communities and compare these celebrations to ones that we experience. As we discover various celebrations, students share about their own celebrations and how they are similar or different.

**How We Express Ourselves:** Stories help our class understand the many emotions that we feel each and every day. The TK class explores how our actions and emotions impact those around us.

**Sharing the Planet:** What are living things? We explore the idea that we are not the only living beings on our planet and discover ways we can help those around us.

Phonics, Math, Science, Social Studies, Religion, Technology, Spanish, and PE are woven throughout these units and drive our learning all year long.

In addition to the in depth units we explore, we also have a special relationship with our 7th grade students! Our Big Buddy and Little Buddy partnership with 7th graders allows both classes to grow as individuals. TK students create bonds with their Big Buddies that they get to cultivate when they reach Kindergarten. TK is an exciting year of exploration and growth and is a great opportunity to start their educational journeys!

