

Dear Kindergarten Families,

WELCOME to St. Anne School's Graduating Class of 2034!

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Ms. Liz Ibalio, and I am very excited to be your child's kindergarten teacher this year. I graduated from the University of San Francisco with a Master's degree in teaching and a reading certification. I have taught first grade, pre-K and TK. I have three wonderful children, two of whom are in college. My youngest is a sophomore at Archbishop Riordan High School. Yes, the years go by fast, so enjoy these early years with your children.

Kindergarten is a very special time in which your child will experience significant social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. In our classroom there will be lots of learning, lots of laughter, and lots of adventure as we strive to set the foundation for lifelong learning. The daily schedule will include large and small group instruction, reading and math rotations as well as faith formation and free choice centers plus much more. It is my goal to make sure your child feels safe, confident, and nurtured. I expect all students to be kind, respectful and engaged so that our class family is truly "our happy place".

I am a firm believer that it takes a parent-teacher partnership with open communication to achieve success for each child. The best way to reach me is through email at ibalio@stanne.com. I check email during the day and will get back to you with a timely response.

On our first day of school, I will meet you and your child outside by the flagpole. Each class will line up for the Morning Assembly. Once we finish the Morning Assembly, each class will proceed to their classroom. I am inviting you to join us and help carry your students' supplies to the hallway outside the Kindergarten classroom. Please leave ALL supplies in the hallway before entering. You may bring in your child, help them find their table/chair. There will be an activity for them on the table. Please help them put their backpack on the back of the chair. **Please do not unpack your child's backpack. (I know it's tempting, but we will do this as a class).** Then it's time for a quick hug & kiss. Off you go to join other St. Anne parents for the SAPTO-sponsored Coffee Klutch in the school yard. We will meet you promptly at dismissal by the flagpole @12:00pm.

I am looking forward to meeting you and your child. I know it will be a great year!

With warm regards,
Ms. Ibalio