**There is so much to learn in Kindergarten! Here’s an overall glimpse of what we’ll be working on this year:**

**Math** – As a school, IHM uses the McGraw Hill “My Math” series to guide our math instruction. Children will develop and apply knowledge of numbers with an emphasis on counting order and number recognition to 20. We will also introduce geometry, measurement, patterning and addition and subtraction concepts.

**Reading** – This year, we are excited to be implementing the “Super Kids” reading program! This phonics-based program has proven to be very successful in developing reading skills in young learners!

**Religion** - Early childhood religious education is a process of developing awareness of growth and of nurturing the child’s spirit. Our kindergarten relation program lays the foundation of faith and provides a means of worship that has value to our young students. We will recite daily prayers and participate in religious activities with the school community. As part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore Family Life curriculum, IHM uses the Benzinger series.

**Science** – The kindergarten science program works to develop basic thinking and exploration skills. Students will collect data (knowledge), understand information (comprehension) and apply concepts (application).

**Social Studies** – Our Social Studies program works to develop a community in our own classroom while exposing children to their larger world. This curriculum is developed from everyday experiences, current events, holidays and some historical study. While Social Studies activities are integrated throughout our reading, religion and math programs, we also have special lessons about our state, country, ancestors, and our world.

**Physical Development** – Large and small muscles are developed through weekly physical education classes as well as in-class activities such as controlling pencils, crayons and scissors, gluing, printing, creative play, puzzles, stringing beads, blocks and play-doh.

**Art** – Various mediums are used in primary art to motivate the children to express themselves creatively through color, form and design.

**Music** – The kindergarten music program includes vocal and rhythmic development, creative movement, beginning music theory and hands-on experiences with instruments. The children will participate in the Christmas program at the school.

**Computers** – Kindergarten children will receive weekly instruction in the computer lab. They will use a variety of educational software that will enhance and reinforce early reading and math skills.

**Homework** – Kindergarten homework is designed to keep parents informed about what their child is learning in school while providing additional practice for the students. Nightly homework will be assigned Monday through Thursday. Homework assignments should take no more than 15 minutes to complete and should not present as a challenge to the students.