



I am excited to get back into the “swing” of things! Welcome to our 2011-2012 school year at Saint Mary’s Catholic School.

My name is Kendra O’Dea and I am your child’s science teacher. I teach 6th grade Life Science, 7th grade Earth Science, 8th grade Physical Science.

An open line of communication between parent and teacher is important to your child’s success in my classroom. Please look for my ***Peek at the Week*** on our Saint Mary’s website. My ***Peek of the Week*** has our schedule, daily assignments and important dates posted so you and your child can work together on getting things accomplished.

As your child’s science teacher, it is important to me that you are confident in my abilities to create an encouraging and creative environment for successful learning. I can assure you that I am consistently trying to improve and refine my abilities as a teacher so that I can guarantee that I am providing each of my students with the appropriate and up-to-date learning experiences our science program has to offer.

My goal is to help your child achieve scientific literacy through the attainment of several academic learning requirements as established by the Washington State Commission on Student Learning for the middle grade sciences.

The academic learning requirements for science are as follows:

- Knowledge and application of scientific concepts and principles to understand properties, structures and changes in physical, earth/space and living systems
- Conducting scientific inquiry, knowing and applying the skills, processes and nature of scientific inquiry
- Communicating scientific understanding and
- Application in which the student knows and applies science concepts and skills to develop solutions to human problems in societal contexts.

In order to help your child achieve middle grade scientific literacy, students are expected to follow the conduct rules as established in the Saint Mary's Catholic School handbook.

Because you are a valuable resource, I invite you to participate in my classes to make it more successful in any way that you can. I am always in need of help in the areas of field trip drivers and visiting lecturers.

I invite you to contact me if you have a question or concern. You are always welcome to visit in my classroom! The best way to reach me is by e-mail.

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Batter Up!!

~Kendra O'Dea

