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Welcome to Mrs. Kraatz's web page at DeSales Catholic School where one of our main goals will be to provide your children with the kind of experience that will enhance the quality of their education and spirituality.

It is my intention to maintain a comfortable learning atmosphere where children realize making mistakes is part of the learning process as well as an opportunity for us to work together – problem solving and continuing to try our best.

Through many years of teaching experience at both the first grade and kindergarten levels, multi-sensory activities have been developed and implemented to meet individual learning styles leading to increased student learning and achievement.

Each school week begins with an inspirational primary assembly meant to foster love, friendship, cooperation, and service to others.

Children also have the opportunity to participate in weekly classes which include computer, art, library, music, physical education, and Spanish. In addition, they will work on laptops to enhance phonics skills as part of our reading program.

Some of the other activities of the school year consist of regular Masses, Fire Prevention Day, Generation Celebrations, Catholic Schools Week, Advent/Lenten/Rosary Services, a dental health presentation, an international/cultural presentation and luncheon and an end of year, fun-filled field day.

As you can see, first grade is busy, but exciting, offering children the opportunity to become successful second graders. But, most importantly, I wish for the first grade experience to build upon the children's foundation to emerge as caring, thoughtful individuals.

Ann Kraatz