



PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

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Dear St. Celestine School Families,

I am thrilled to share some exciting news about our early childhood program. Our PreK has been accepted into the University of Notre Dame's ECLIP (Early Childhood Language Immersion Program) for the 2026–2027 school year. This opportunity will allow us to further enrich our students' learning through language development and research-based practices, with an emphasis on building both English and Spanish skills.

Educational research consistently shows that young children who learn more than one language develop stronger reading skills over time. In simple terms, learning multiple languages helps students better recognize sounds, understand how words work, and make connections between ideas. Studies from organizations such as the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and research highlighted by Notre Dame indicate that bilingual learners often demonstrate improved literacy, stronger problem-solving skills, and greater cognitive flexibility. These benefits support not only language development but overall academic success.

Space in St. Celestine School's PreK Program still exists and any parents interested in this amazing opportunity are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Questions regarding the program and registration should be directed to me at sklich@stcelestineschool.org.

As we look ahead to the end of the school year, please note the following important reminders:

- **The last day of hot lunch will be Friday, May 22.**

- School will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.
- Report cards will be held if there are any outstanding balances on family accounts.

Report cards that are held may be picked up on:

- Thursday, June 4 immediately after school
- Friday, June 5 between 8am and 2pm.

Families will have the opportunity to settle any outstanding balances at that time.

Office summer hours, which begin June 8 are from 8am until 2pm on Mondays through Thursdays. The office is closed on Fridays starting June 12.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our school. Thank you for making the 2025/26 school year such a wonderful year of learning and memories.

Sincerely,

Sheila M. Klich

Principal