

# Words to Grow by.



# Confidence.



Imagine the projects men have proposed . . . yet not pursued . . . for want of the courage to try. Imagine the great actions . . . prevented by fear. The grand potential . . . made small by uncertainty. The dreams laid to waste. The possibilities unrealized. Before you teach the next generation any other thing, teach them confidence . . . so that they shall ever have the courage . . . to apply their thoughts to action.

*Very early on, a child will learn to embrace a challenge . . . or to fear it. At St. John's, we teach children to move forward with confidence, by simply assuring them that, win or lose, they are loved.*

**T**o know that we are unique . . . in our talents, dreams and personalities . . . is to know that we have a place in life. It is a place none other can fill.

And yet, self-worth is *not* self-importance. But only the knowledge that we are *all* important. Each on our own. And all of us together.

*At St. John's, we teach self-worth by always remembering that a child's best effort is that child's greatest accomplishment. And that every such great accomplishment deserves real praise . . . and ready recognition.*



Self-Worth.

# Experiencing.



**E**ven as adults, some of us experience life solely through our daily routine. While others enhance that routine with reading, traveling and the building of close relationships. Thus, some of us shuffle . . . with limited vision . . . down the narrowest path of human experience. While others stand . . . aware and ever eager . . . at the very crossroads of human knowledge. *At St. John's, we not only help children to learn through experiences today. But also help them to see that new experiences will always be a part of learning . . . as long as they are willing to seek them out.*

**F**riends are equals in their hearts.

With no great jealousies.  
Friends are mutually supportive.

And eager to share.

Friends are confident of their own worth.

And appreciative of the worth of the other.

And the surest way to make a friend . . . is to be one.

*Making friends comes easily at St. John's, because teachers go out of their way to be friends. They listen. They share. They support. They encourage. And that is all it takes . . . to teach the children . . . to do the same.*



Friendship.

# St. John's.



At St. John's, we turn out special children. Special, not because of their scholastic preparation (though it will certainly give them special advantages.)

Nor because of their many outstanding field trips (though they certainly are special experiences.)

Nor even because of their exceptional teachers (who put such special care into helping them to grow.)

At St. John's, we turn out special children by helping them to see that they were special when they arrived. And will be special every day of their lives.

*In the competitive world of traditional schooling, children can be labeled too early . . . typecast too readily . . . and taught a lasting lesson of discouragement.*

*At St. John's Parish Day School, children learn to value their own, enduring worth . . . to take constant delight in their own potential . . . and to derive pride and satisfaction from their every accomplishment.*

*In truth, there can be no better preparation . . . for a lifetime of successful learning.*



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