"But Jesus said, Let the children be, do not keep them back from me; the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14

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Kindergarten Curriculum

In Kindergarten *Religion* our students will:

- Build upon the natural tendency to seek a relationship with God.
- Learn Scripture, prayer, and ritual, while gaining a sense of community life.
- Experience God's love and its transforming power within a Catholic community.

In Kindergarten *Mathematics* our students will:

- Use center activities to introduce important concepts like counting, colors, and shapes.
- Integrate math lessons into everyday activities to build skills like telling time, counting money, and measuring.
- Explore topics such as numbers and operations, number relationships, place value, data collection and analysis, geometry, money, patterns, fractions, and measurement.

In Kindergarten *Science* our students will:

- Identify living and non-living characteristics, life cycles, and basic weather terms.
- Label fundamental elements of Earth and Space.
- Describe types of motion and the basic features of the water cycle.

In Kindergarten *History* our students will:

- Explore the ancient and Biblical world.
- Discuss the importance of family and community and practice healthy citizenship skills.
- Survey basic world geography.

In Kindergarten *English* our students will:

- Introduce reading strategies using the Orton-Gillingham approach, allowing connection to oral and written language while increasing vocabulary and comprehension skills.
- Incorporate guided reading with a focus on decoding, fluency, and comprehension.
- Utilize *Writing Our Catholic Faith* as a formal approach to letter formation with art and words to reinforce the Catholic curriculum.

In Kindergarten *Fine Arts* our students will:

- Apply the Orff Approach to take the first steps in developing singing and movement skills.
- Introduce Bar Basics, Folk Dancing preparation, and basic keyboarding fundamentals.
- Develop greater understanding of visual art through techniques such as basic drawing, stamping, basic sculpting, cutting, tracing, and painting.

"When faith comes, then we are no longer under the rule of a tutor; through faith in Christ Jesus you are all now God's children."
Galatians 3:26

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First Grade Curriculum

In First Grade *Religion* our students will:

- Understand the Holy Trinity and God's goodness and love through exploring the seven Sacraments.
- Foster a love for Mary, Mother of the Church, entrusted to us by her son.
- Nurture private prayer life to focus on serving others through kindness, led by examples of the saints.

In First Grade *Mathematics* our students will:

- Become proficient in whole number relationships and place values.
- Connect math to the real world through understanding of addition, subtraction, linear measurement, time-telling, and currency.
- Discover the attributes of geometric shapes.

In First Grade *Science* our students will:

- Become familiar with the scientific process through asking questions and planning investigations that foster wonder and curiosity about creation.
- Study nature by observing, questioning, comparing and contrasting, and recording observations of plants, animals, regional habitats, and complete ecosystems.
- Learn about the human body and systems and the gift that they are to the world as an image of God.

In First Grade *History* our students will:

- Investigate the world beyond the home and immediate community.
- Explore significant figures, places, and events of ancient Greece.
- Recognize and develop skills pertaining to citizenship, geography, and research.

In First Grade *English* our students will:

- Build crucial language skills in reading, spelling and writing, and be introduced to the reading process.
- Continue with phonemic instruction through the Orton-Gillingham approach, while taking the first steps to becoming independent readers, as well as study grammar and the use of sentence types and structure.
- Using *Writing Our Catholic Faith*, as a formal approach to letter formation, with Catholic art and words used in the workbook to reinforce the 1st grade Catholic curriculum.

In First Grade *Fine Arts* our students will:

- Utilize the Orff Approach to continue developing singing and movement skills.
- Learn folk dances such as the Les Saluts and Rakes of Mallow.
- Develop greater understanding of visual art through techniques such as crayon resist, tempera painting, and paper batik.

"Then he took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, This is my body, given for you; do this for a commemoration of me."
Luke 22:19

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Second Grade Curriculum

In Second Grade *Religion* our students will:

- Be introduced to Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist, and learn about the Mass and Sacraments.
- Learn about God's great mercy in the Sacrament of Penance.
- Be given the opportunity, as baptized Catholics, to receive First Penance and First Holy Communion, and to experience God's outpouring of love and mercy, regardless of denomination.

In Second Grade *Mathematics* our students will:

- Strengthen arithmetic skills by mentally solving equations and completing problems.
- Learn concepts such as 2- and 3-digit addition/subtraction and telling time to 5 minutes.
- Practice measurement with inches, feet, yards, and other units of measure.

In Second Grade *Science* our students will:

- Explore space through the study of the patterns of the sun, moon, and stars, as well as the sun's effects on the Earth.
- Identify the life cycles of different living organisms, namely that of chickens, by the process of incubation
- Read, investigate, and explore creation with activities on rocks, fossils,local habitat, and conservation, allowing them to understand that the created order embodies God's design and purpose.

In Second Grade *History* our students will:

- Study all aspects of Rome, from its founding to its expansion and culture.
- Recognize and develop skills pertaining to citizenship, geography, and research.

In Second Grade *English* our students will:

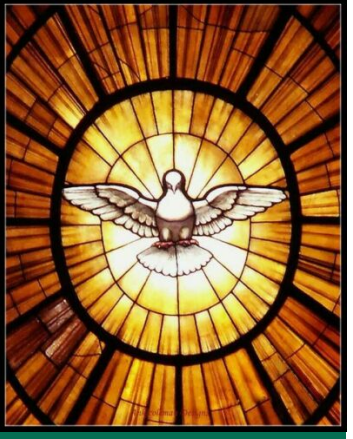
- Develop a solid grasp of reading fundamentals by applying phonics skills, learning new vocabulary, and comprehending a variety of texts.
- Increase reading skills, becoming more fluent readers of more complex content while reading with expression.
- Use *Writing Our Catholic Faith* as a formal approach to letter formation, with Catholic art and words used in the workbook to reinforce the 2nd grade Catholic curriculum.

In Second Grade *Latin Roots* our students will:

- Be introduced to a variety of Latin words.
- Observe how the Latin language plays a significant role in the English language through the study of root words, prefixes and suffixes.
- Learn well known phrases such as "Veni, Vidi, Vici," "Et Tu Brute?," and "In hoc Signo."

In Second Grade *Fine Arts* our students will:

- Discover Conversational Solfege Level One, Feierabend's curriculum for teaching music literacy.
- Acquire basic understanding of the Orff Ensemble, Folk Dancing, Intermediate keyboarding fundamentals, and the foundations of music history.
- Develop greater practice of visual art through techniques such as crayon frottage, paper collage, textured drawing, and painting.



"I am the vine, you are its branches; if a man lives on in me, and I in him, then he will yield abundant fruit..."
John 5:5

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Third Grade Curriculum

In Third Grade *Religion* our students will:

- Learn about developing friendships and the foundation of the spiritual growth that takes place in third grade.
- Build on their friendships, by understanding the larger Church community around them.
- Experience diversity and expand their worlds to include people of all places and cultures, while learning about their roles in the Church and being challenged to live our school motto: "To serve, not to be served."

In Third Grade *Mathematics* our students will:

- Move from addition and subtraction to multiplication and division, and grow in their comfort with the basics of math.
- Learn to apply math to everyday living.
- Build on the skills of estimating, measuring, describing objects in space, and using patterns to help solve problems.

In Third Grade *Science* our students will:

- Learn to think, investigate, and gain knowledge about their role as stewards of God's creation and the natural world.
- Discover God's character in creation by learning to form relationships with their surroundings.
- Discover the effect of force (push or pull) in the movement of an object.

In Third Grade *History* our students will:

- Focus on communities in order to expand their understanding of the world around them and contributions they can offer.
- Learn about important historical figures who have made a positive impact in communities at every level.
- Explore the levels of government, economics, and physical features of the United States.
- Attend a field trip focused on national history and conduct a research project on a famous American completed with the Wax Museum and music program celebrating America.

In Third Grade *English* our students will:

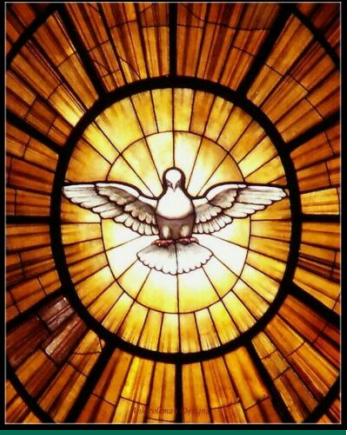
- Transition from learning to read to reading to learn, by focusing on a variety of genres, while strengthening fluency and comprehension skills.
- Increase their reading and writing skills with phonics and vocabulary activities. They will learn about the writing process and develop knowledge of the rules of grammar.
- Using *Writing Our Catholic Faith* as a formal approach to letter formation, with Catholic art and words being used to reinforce the 3rd grade Catholic curriculum, as well as an introduction to writing letters in cursive and practicing the creation of words in cursive.

In Third Grade *Latin Roots* our students will:

- Continue to explore a wider variety of Latin words.
- Learn about Latin's impact on the English language.
- Reinforce more of the common Latin words, Latin roots, and English words derived from the Latin language.

In Third Grade *Fine Arts* our students will:

- Complete the remaining curriculum for Conversational Solfege Level One, Feierabend's curriculum for teaching music literacy.
- Acquire basic understanding of the recorder, the Orff Ensemble, Folk Dancing, Advanced keyboarding fundamentals, and music history.
- Develop greater practice of visual art through the stenciling technique, and furthering the potentials of collage making and the use of markers and tempera.



"This is my commandment, that you should love one another, as I have loved you."
John 15:12

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Fourth Grade Curriculum

In Fourth Grade *Religion* our students will:

- Form habits of discipleship, with lessons rooted in Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- Learn about morality, developing fairness and natural concern guiding their spiritual growth.
- Form their conscience with a particular emphasis on Jesus' command to love others as He has loved us.

In Fourth Grade *Mathematics* our students will:

- Make connections between classroom concepts and real-world problem-solving, exploring more than one way to solve problems, focusing on the process and not just the solution.
- Learn basic concepts of geometry and algebra, with a focus on a few key concepts including long division, two-digit multiplication, measurement units, and converting fractions and decimals.
- Keep old concepts fresh through a scaffolding curriculum that keeps frequently reviewing previous content while also introducing new material.

In Fourth Grade *Science* our students will:

- Cover a wide range of topics that help to connect understanding of math and problem-solving to the natural world around them.
- Learn about the scientific method and how scientists discover new information about the world, while discovering the world themselves.
- Be introduced to chemistry concepts including Matter, The Periodic Table, Physical and Chemical Changes, Solutions, and Acids and Bases.

In Fourth Grade *History* our students will:

- Explore the topic of Georgia, including the people, landscape and terrain, and writings on topics incorporated into the subject.
- Strengthen geography skills by studying the geography of Georgia and different types of maps.
- Trace historical periods, places, people, events and movements that lead to the development of the U.S. and the role of individual states.

In Fourth Grade *English* our students will:

- Increase their learning independence by reading chapter books and nonfiction independently, deepening their comprehension and critical analysis of the content.
- Strengthen the skill of using context to figure out the meaning of unknown words as well as the ability to use a dictionary or glossary.
- Using *Writing Our Catholic Faith* as our formal approach to letter formation, with Catholic art and words being used in the workbook to reinforce the 4th grade Catholic curriculum; as well continuing to strengthen their practice of cursive writing.

In Fourth Grade *Latin Roots* our students will:

- Study the Latin language by continuing to research its history.
- Continue to learn about Latin's impact on the English language.
- Reinforce learning of the common Latin words, Latin roots, and English words derived from the Latin language.

In Fourth Grade *Fine Arts* our students will:

- Develop instruction in the fundamentals of wind performance.
- Be introduced to the instruments offered including flute, oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, and concert percussion.
- Learn bas-relief techniques, develop skills in collage making and crayon resist, and further explore the potentials of tempera paint, markers, oil pastels, crayons and watercolors.

"The water I give him will be a spring of water within him, that flows continually to bring him everlasting life."
John 4:14

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Fifth Grade Curriculum

In Fifth Grade *Religion* our students will:

- Be introduced to an in-depth understanding of the signs and symbols of faith while they are guided in the search for their vocation in life.
- Attend the Archdiocesan Vocations Day (a highlight of Religion this year) and experience a communal gathering of all fifth graders while being challenged to listen for God's voice in their heart.
- Learn in active and multi-sensory ways about the faith and the call to serve others.

In Fifth Grade *Mathematics* our students will:

- Acquire the tools and understanding necessary to succeed in middle school level math by learning to add, subtract, multiply, and divide with decimals, fractions, and whole numbers.
- Learn to use algebraic concepts to solve real-world problems with tables and graphs.
- Learn about basic geometric concepts that extend to ideas of length, mass, and volume.

In Fifth Grade *Science* our students will:

- Contemplate their existence in the world around them and how everything is a gift from God, done through nature studies and spending time outdoors.
- Grasp the concept of independent and dependent variables and graphing data.
- Learn the importance of electricity, forces, energy, waves and the engineering process.

In Fifth Grade *History* our students will:

- Learn about the roots of our nation, beginning with the discovery of the New World.
- Explore how our nation came about after European exploration in the New World, Christian expansion into America, the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, the founding of a New Nation and the forming of our Constitution, and the growth of the United States through the Civil War.
- Practice critical thinking and ethics to help contemplate individuals' decisions throughout history.

In Fifth Grade *English* our students will:

- Learn to identify themes, make inferences, and draw conclusions.
- Grow in their understanding and use of strategies to increase their level of comprehension and continue to cultivate appreciation for reading and their ability to communicate through writing.
- Practice diagramming sentences to help them understand the different parts of sentences, as well continue to strengthen their cursive writing skills.

In Fifth Grade *Latin Roots* our students will:

- Study the Latin language by continuing to research its history.
- Continue to learn about Latin's impact on the English language.
- Reinforce learning of the common Latin words, Latin roots, and English words derived from the Latin language.

In Fifth Grade *Fine Arts* our students will:

- Continue building upon the fundamentals of wind performance they learned in 4th grade.
- Place emphasis on developing tone quality, intonation, phrasing, breathing, advanced technique, reading, listening, and goal setting.
- Further develop their knowledge of visual art by being introduced to techniques of bas-relief metal embossing, silhouette, models and scale drawing.