

Social Studies

Our Social Studies curriculum focuses on citizenship and the moral implications of choices made by the government and its citizens. To understand democratic values, students will become informed, responsible, and contributing citizens as Christians in a global society. We strive to achieve our standards and goals through a multi-faceted approach, promoting a respect for diversity through multicultural exploration.

- Native Americans
- Early Explorers
- Colonization/Early American History
- Revolutionary War
- Civil War
- Industrial Revolution
- North American Geography

Art

Students build on skills learned at the Primary level and continue to explore art using a variety of complex materials. Students expand their learning on how to give and receive art critiques at various stages of their artwork. Students also experience art from other cultures and broaden their learning in art history. Students maintain an art journal that illustrates their learning and incorporates reflections and critiques throughout the year.

Music

- More complex rhythm and notation reading daily
- Participation in classroom movement and activities appropriately (i.e., marching)
- Complex knowledge on form, musical vocabulary, and instrument families
- The ability to use their best singing voice through performance and classroom songs
- The ability to play complex rhythms and play multiple instrument parts together on pitched percussion instruments such as xylophones
- The ability to write more complex rhythmic compositions in different musical form and perform them for the class

Physical Education

- Continuation of loco and non-loco motor skills
- Introduction to team sports and individual sports using beginner to average skill drills for each sport
- Games that provide good recreational and physical fitness value
- Demonstrates the president's physical fitness test one time per year
- Average conditioning program for cardiovascular work up
- Nutrition & healthy food choices-personal hygiene

Foreign Language

Students receive Spanish instruction once a week for 30 minutes with a certified Spanish instructor.

Visitation Catholic School Mission Statement

Visitation School is part of Visitation Parish and a place where we learn about the lessons taught by Jesus Christ.

We do our best each day to pray, worship, and learn together.

Our teachers help us understand the importance of respecting and serving others as Jesus did.

I will work hard today and everyday to follow the example of Jesus.



*"Celebrating the past
to awaken the future"*

Grade Five

Curriculum Overview

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Religion

Our religion series is an excellent promotion of active learning and sharing. Our primary purpose is to emphasize God's creation, /his constant presence in our lives, and how we can remain close with Him through our Catholic faith.

- Students will become persons who appreciate the teachings of the Church
- Students will become persons who are growing in understanding of the Paschal Mystery (meditation on gospel & sharing in the Eucharist)
- Students will become persons who follow divine inspiration in their actions and who practice love of neighbor even at a cost to their self
- Students will become persons who turn readily to God in prayer

Literacy 3-8

Students will be exposed to many types of writing (informative/expository, narrative, opinion/argument/persuasive) using the 6 Traits of Writing model. In addition, we are expanding on digital literacy for students' presentations for a variety of audiences using many modalities. We introduce a rich variety of literature and include most types of genres and religious texts. Students are able to use non-fiction text features to locate information utilizing comprehension strategies.

- Reads texts fluently according to grade level.
- Uses a variety of reading strategies for fiction and nonfiction texts
- Researching topics using print and digital tools
- 6 Traits Writing Program

Literacy continued

- Presents effectively for purpose and meaning
- Compares and contrasts different sources to answer questions and communicate ideas
- Uses different forms of digital literacy to produce and publish writing
- Works collaboratively with others towards a common goal
- Develops extensive vocabulary based on grade level

Math

Using the Go Math! Program, our curriculum encompasses a wide variety of concepts that utilize hands-on activities and real-world problems to gain a deeper understanding of math.

- Write and interpret numerical expressions
- Analyze patterns and relationships
- Understand the place value system
- Perform operations with multi-digit whole numbers and with decimals to the hundredths.
- Use equivalent fractions as a strategy to add and subtract fractions
- Multiply and divide fractions and decimals
- Represent and interpret data
- Understand concepts of volume
- Graph points on the coordinate plane
- Classify 2-D and 3-D figures by their properties
- Convert like measurement units within a given measurement system

Math continued

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Science

The STEMscopes series helps students to understand the processes of scientific inquiry, investigate questions, conduct experiments, and solve problems. Students will strive to understand the fundamental concepts, principles, and interconnections of the life, physical, and earth/space sciences. Students will know and apply the concepts that explain how living things function, adapt, and change according to God's plan for creation and the maintenance of life.

Life

- Plants and their processes
- Ecosystems
- Animals Adaptations

Earth & Space

- Patterns of shadows, day and night, appearance of stars
- Ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere interact
- Distribution of water on Earth
- Ways to protect the Earth's resources and environment

Physical

- Matter and its interactions
- Motion and Stability
- Energy