

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.

- Map & Globe Skills
- Responsibility of citizens
- Historical Figures and National symbols

Art

Students focus on developing their fine motor skills and are introduced to a variety of new media and artistic methods. Students begin to learn basic art vocabulary and learn about the elements of art: color, line, value, shape, form, and texture incorporated into their historical, seasonal inspired projects. Students create and maintain an art journal that illustrates their learning and incorporates reflections and critiques. Students begin to learn how to evaluate their work and are encouraged to give respectful feedback to fellow classmates and artists, as well as begin to learn about important artists and art movements.

Foreign Language

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

Music

- Demonstrating basic rhythm and notation reading
- Participating in classroom movement and activities (i.e., marching)
- Basic knowledge of form and musical vocabulary
- Use their best singing voice through performance and classroom songs
- Play a steady beat on a pitched percussion instrument such as xylophones

Physical Education

- Skill development for performing locomotor and non locomotor movements
- Skill development of eye/hand and eye/feet coordination
- Skill development on balance, throwing, catching, kicking, and dribbling, as well as parachute and jump rope activities
- Organized games that provide recreational and physical fitness values
- Administration of the president's physical fitness test once a year
- Discussions regarding nutrition, healthy food choices, personal hygiene, and cleanliness

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 One 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.

- Learn the parts of the Mass and participate in weekly school
- Understand God's love for us through gospel stories
- Understand Mary as our heavenly mother who deserves our praise and love
- Know Holy people, saints, and the lessons they teach us through their faithfulness to God
- Celebrate church seasons and holidays

Literacy K-2

We use the Superkids Reading Program, which includes an emphasis on Christian values as we explore reading, spelling, writing, grammar, listening, and speaking skills. The highly motivated program teaches students to learn that the previously mentioned concepts are all ways to express ideas, and communication is the goal of all language arts.

Phonics

- Long/short vowels
- Blends/digraphs
- Compound words
- Phonetic and structural patterns

Literacy continued

Reading/Spelling

- Encodes and decodes words in reading and writing
- Reads fluently at grade level
- Comprehension skills applied to longer fiction and nonfiction texts

Writing

- Writes a focus, details, and closing on one topic using the Six Traits of writing model.

Mathematics

Our math curriculum encompasses a wide variety of concepts with a strong emphasis on a deeper understanding of the math concept. With GoMath the children will perform more critical thinking skills in all areas of math.

- Counts and orders numbers 1-121
- Counts by 5's to 125
- Counts by 10/s to 120
- Addition & Subtraction strategies to compute accurately
- Tells and writes time to the half hour and hour
- Compares sets (<,>.=)
- Organizes, displays, and interprets data using pictures, charts, tallies, and graphs
- Identifies and labels place value up to a hundred

Mathematics continued

- Identifies and labels halves, fourths, and the whole of a given shape
- Identifies and labels attributes of 2D and 3D shapes
- Writes number models for word problems
- Master basic addition & subtraction facts (to 20)
- Measure objects using standard units

Science

The students participate in the scientific method through guided experiments, using the STEMscopes Science series with an emphasis on making predictions. Students describe the steps and outcomes as well as record observations. The curriculum focuses on earth science, physical science and life science.

Earth Science

- Sun, moon, stars, and planets
- Weather and sky
- Recycling

Physical Science

- Matter and energy
- Sound and light

Life Science

- Living things (Plants and animals)
- Five Senses