

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.

- Illinois History
- Regions of the United States (community, cultural, climate, landforms)

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.

Foreign Language Study

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

Music

- More complex rhythm and notation reading
- Participating in classroom movement and activities (i.e., marching)
- Deeper knowledge of form and musical vocabulary and instrument families
- Use their best singing voice through performance and classroom songs
- Play more complex rhythms and play more than one instruments part on pitched percussion instruments such as xylophones
- Play most of the notes on the recorder with no squeaks and read recorder music accurately
- Write basic rhythmic composition and perform them for the class

Physical Education

- Continuation of locomotor and non locomotor movements
- Introduction to team sports and individual sports using beginner to average skill drills for each sport
- Games that provide recreational and physical fitness values
- Administration of the president's physical fitness test once a year
- Average conditioning program for cardiovascular work up
- 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 Four Curriculum Overview

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Religion

Students will be guided through the Catholic beliefs throughout the year. They will grasp a better understanding of the Commandments and Beatitudes and understand how to live as Jesus taught us each day. They will also take part in Mass each week, Reconciliation twice a year, and Stations of the Cross.

- Catholic beliefs
- How Catholics live out the Ten Commandments
- Ways we can pray & ways God has shown his love in our lives
- Commandments and Beatitudes
- How the Holy Spirit guides us
- Law of love– love your neighbor as yourself
- Doing God's Will
- Sacraments in the Church
- Vocations in the World
- Bringing God's message to the world

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 nonfiction text features to locate information utilizing comprehension strategies.

Literacy continued

- Reads text fluently according to grade level through guided reading
- Uses a variety of reading comprehension strategies for fiction and nonfiction
- Researching topics using print and digital tools
- 6 Traits Writing Program
- Presents effectively for purpose and meaning
- Compares and contrasts different sources to answer questions and communicate ideas
- Develops extensive vocabulary based on grade level
- Uses different forms of digital literacy to produce and publish writing
- Works collaboratively with others towards a common goal

Mathematics

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.

- Place Value, Addition, & Subtraction to one million
- Multiply by 1-digit and 2-digit numbers
- Use Algebra to multiply 1-digit through 4-digit numbers
- Divide by 1-digit numbers
- Factors, multiples, and patterns
- Fraction equivalence and comparison
- Add and subtract fractions
- Multiply fractions by whole numbers
- Relate fractions and decimals

- Two-dimensional figures
- Angles
- Algebra: perimeter and area

Science

Students will be using the STEMscope series. Standards-based content will develop the big ideas of Science and made science content understandable for students through words and visuals. Inquiry-based activities will foster conceptual understanding and provide students with a variety of exploring, investigating, and skill builder experiences.

- Volcanoes
- Cells and reproduction
- Classification of plants and animals
- Internal and external systems
- Survival of living things
- Life cycles
- Biomes
- Changes in ecosystems
- Adaptations
- Identify steps in the scientific method and carry out independent experiments
- Identifying ways the Earth changes through natural events
- Earth's resources
- Conservation
- Landforms
- Classifying and comparing minerals and rocks
- Tracking weather and climate patterns