

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.

- Culture– groups, leaders, and roles
- Geography and Economics– people, places, and jobs
- History– past and present
- Citizenship– symbols, heroes, and leaders

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.

Music

- Demonstrating basic rhythm and notation reading
- Participating in classroom movement and activities (i.e., marching)
- Demonstrating the skills to use while singing
- Demonstrating the ability to play small percussion instruments on a steady beat
- Sing to perform numerous styles of music from Jazz to Latin

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”*

Kindergarten 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.

- Recognize that God created everything out of pure love
- Understand that God loves us
- Acknowledge that God's love enables us to love others
- Respond to God's love by reaching out through prayer and good deeds
- Discover the various ways that Roman Catholics celebrate their faith and praise God for his love.

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.

- Alphabet– recognition, consonant/vowel sounds, and uppercase/lowercase letters
- Reading– blending/segmenting sounds, reading Dolch words, comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary skills
- Writing– shared and dictated skills, introduction to Six Traits

Math

Go Math! helps students engage with the standards and practices in new ways. Lessons begin with problem-based situations and then build to more abstract problems. Students use manipulatives, pictures, and symbols to build understanding.

- Represent, count and write numbers to 20 and beyond
- Addition
- Subtraction
- 2-D and 3-D shapes
- Measurement
- Classify and sort data (graphs)

Science

We use a program called *STEMscopes*, which makes learning meaningful and engaging.

- Humans and the Needs of Organisms
- Dealing with Weather
- Living Things and Their Habitats
- Using Force to Change Motion

Foreign Language Study

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

