

1st & 2nd GRADE

Religion

Children will recognize that we are a community of faith and a church in action. Students are encouraged to use prayer as a way of deepening their relationship with God. They engage in composing simple prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and contrition. Children understand that the Eucharist is a meal and a celebration and that Liturgy is the prayer of our community.

Language Arts/Reading

Language Arts is focused on reading, writing, listening, and speaking. We utilize a combination of phonics and whole language to provide a strong foundation for future learning. We incorporate a variety of genres including selections from text books, picture books and novels. Students engage in brainstorming, prewriting, drafting, revising and editing as a way to advance their writing skills. Students are provided opportunities to respond to literature using graphic organizers, journaling, class discussion, art projects and illustrations.

Math

We will be focusing on six common core standards associated with mathematics:

1. Number sense (understanding the number system as the basis for mathematics and expanding their mathematical vocabulary).
2. Computation (fluency in computation is essential while learning to add and subtract numbers).
3. Algebra and Functions/Data (students learn the language of patterns, rule, and symbols).
4. Geometry (students will understand, identify, and describe geometric shapes and development a sense of space).
5. Measurement (students begin the study of measurement by comparing objects' lengths, temperature, areas, weights, etc.).
6. Problem solving (students will use problem solving skills such as counting strategies, number patterns, and basic addition and subtraction fact problems as well as explain their reasons and check for accuracy).

Science

In science children make discoveries about their environment and themselves. They understand they must take care of their own bodies and also take responsibility for protecting their own environment. Children examine plant and animal life. They engage in activities to explore how sound can change volume and pitch. They become aware of how variables can affect motion. Children are active learners as they explore physical properties and changes of matter.

Social Studies

Students will understand and value various types of communities and the people who work together in them. The students understand the importance of being a good citizen and following laws and rules. Children explore and engage in basic map skills. They deepen their knowledge of various cultures at home and around the world as well as study people of our past.