

Kindergarten Curriculum

Ss. Peter & Paul School

RELIGION

Kindergartners will learn through stories, activities, scripture, prayer, discussion and reflection about their Catholic faith. Catholic values are discussed and integrated in all subject areas. Students are encouraged to live as Jesus lived by applying their religion lessons to their actions. Each morning students recite the school pledge

Students will be introduced to:

- Traditional common prayers such as the Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Our Father, the Prayer to Guardian Angel and the Grace Before Meals
- Christian values such as respect, charity, forgiveness and tolerance
- The Holy Trinity
- God, Jesus, Mary, Joseph
- Bible
- Liturgical seasons
- Lives of the saints
- Weekly Mass
- Christian Service – Children learn to serve their neighbors through charitable works.



LANGUAGE ARTS - LITERACY

Children will learn to listen, speak, and write for a variety of purposes. In our Kindergarten, we realize that all children come to school at various levels of “emerging literacy.”

Children will:

- Learn to listen effectively in formal and informal situations
- Learn to speak effectively using language appropriate to the situation and audience
- Demonstrate phonemic awareness
- Recognize letters of the alphabet
- Say appropriate sounds when shown letters of the alphabet
- Apply knowledge of letter sounds to decode simple words
- Learn conventions of print
- Read and track familiar text
- Show understanding of stories and respond to simple questions
- Recognize high frequency sight words
- Make predictions and connections to text
- Develop an understanding of the writing process
- Write to communicate using developmental spelling
- Express ideas through pictures and words

Phonics

The following phonetic skills are taught:

- Letter and sounds recognition

- Beginning, medial and ending sounds
- Introduction to long and short vowel sounds
- Word chunks (word families)

Handwriting

Kindergarteners will use Manuscript Handwriting.

Students will be introduced to:

- Upper and lower case letter formation
- Number formation

MATHEMATICS

Students will develop an understanding of and gain insight into mathematical patterns through the use of concrete materials.

Students will:

- Identify, say and read numbers 0 - 100
- Create sets to match numbers 0 - 20
- Compare numbers = > < (equal, greater than, less than)
- Rote count by 1's to 100, 2's to 20, 5's to 100, and 10's to 100
- Explore addition and subtraction using manipulatives and pictures
- Estimate and check guesses using manipulatives
- Solve simple math problems as applied to daily life experiences
- Measure using non-standard/standard units
- Be introduced to money and coin values
- Identify and create patterns
- Identify and draw shapes
- Analyze, graph and interpret data
- Identify plane and solid shapes
- Be introduced to telling time
- Sort and classify

SCIENCE

Students will explore and investigate their environment and the world around them.

Students will study:

- Seasons
- Plants and animals
- Weather
- Butterflies
- Insects
- Caring for God's Creation

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students will recognize their roles as Christians in our society.

Students will study:

- Families
- Homes
- Working together

- Holidays
- Our country and citizenship
- Global awareness

FINE ARTS

Art

Children will integrate art into their daily activities, including drawing, painting and special projects.

Music

Students will sing or play on classroom instruments a variety of music representing diverse cultures and styles. The students will learn the four parts of the orchestra and recognize their sounds. They will sing and sign using the Kodály hand signs. They will sing rhythm and rhyming songs and will also demonstrate rhythm movement sequences.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students will demonstrate:

- Safe movement in physical activities
- Understanding of spatial awareness
- Fundamental locomotor and non-locomotor skills
- Basic coordination

TECHNOLOGY

During Kindergarten the students will be introduced to:

- The major parts of a computer
- Basic computer skills including the relative positions of the keys on the keyboard
- Drawing a picture using basic tools
- Understanding the basics of privacy and safety on the Internet



HOMework

Kindergarten students will be assigned reading and math homework weekly.

PARENTS CAN HELP BY:

- Modeling active participation in weekly liturgy, daily prayer and service
- Showing an interest in homework and school activities
- Encouraging good nutrition, rest and exercise
- Reading with their children every day
- Reading the weekly kindergarten newsletter and other school communications