



Kindergarten Curricula Overview

Our curricular offerings follow the adopted Diocese of Richmond Consensus Curriculum.

Religion Stories of God's Love, RCL Benzinger

Our religion program provides experiences to foster Catholic ideals, knowledge, and understandings while building a firm foundation of faith and an earnest love of God. Students attend Mass weekly in addition to daily prayers and blessings before snack and lunch.



Language Arts Balanced Literacy Model



Teachers provide explicit language instruction through whole group, small group, and independent practice. Students engage in shared reading and writing experiences, participate in literacy workstations, and explore words through various phonics and word study activities. Teachers are able to meet students' individual needs through a guided reading instructional approach. During the writing workshop, students develop written language skills using the 6 +1 Traits of Writing model.

Handwriting Zaner Bloser

Students are taught correct letter formation using various mediums including markers, crayons, fingerpaints, shaving cream, etc.

Math Everyday Math

Through whole group instruction, small groups, math workstations, and independent practice, students are taught the following skills:

- Sorting and Classifying
- Patterns
- Numbers 0-31
- Data, Graphing, & Probability
- Addition & Subtraction
- Number Patterns
- Measurement
- Money and Time
- Geometry and Fractions
- One to One Correspondence



Social Studies

The students will explore a variety of concepts through group discussion, literature, art, and more. The concepts include:

- Culture: Friends & Family
- Geography: Where We Live
- Government: Working Together, Communities
- Citizenship: I am a Citizen
- Economics: People Work
- History: Things Change

Science

Students will develop an understanding of God's place and love for His creation - planet Earth. The students will learn about physical science, earth science, and life science, as well as participate in hands-on learning experiences and experiments.

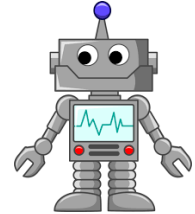
The following science concepts are taught:

- Matter and Energy
- Force and Motion
- Earth and Its Weather
- Earth and Space
- Animals and Plants
- Habitats



Technology

Integrated into the classroom using iPads, computers, listening station, and a Smart Board, technology is used as an instructional tool for whole group lessons in all subject areas, as well as for small group or independent student work.



Art, Music, Library and PE

Students will participate in these classes once a week.

World Languages

Students will participate in Spanish class once a week.

Recess

Students have two 25-minute recesses most days; one in the morning, the other in the afternoon.

Assessments

Teachers will evaluate students' performance in language arts, reading, math, handwriting, social studies, and science with the following assessment tools:

- Daily classroom observation
- Performance checklists
- Daily work
- Small group work
- Teacher assessments
- Literacy/math stations
- Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS)
- Guided Reading Assessment



Student progress is shared with parents every 9 weeks through a report card, as well as during fall and spring conferences.

Field Trips & Special Activities

- Carter Mountain Apple Orchard
- Maymont
- Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
- Richmond Metro Zoo
- Young Chefs Academy
- Halloween Book Character Day
- Musical - End of the Year Celebration
- Author visit
- Book Buddies: Read with third grade students once a week
- Mass Buddy: Attend school wide Mass & Prayer Services with eighth graders as role models of our faith and participate in monthly religion activities together.
- Polar Express Day
- Nativity
- Mass and Donuts with Dad and Grandfathers
- Mass and Muffins with Moms and Grandmothers
- Easter Egg Hunt