

Fifth Grade Curriculum

RELIGION

Students will learn about/that:

- Jesus is both human and divine.
- the Incarnation.
- Jesus reveals God's love.
- Jesus preaches the reign of God.
- Jesus welcomed, forgave, and healed people.
- Jesus' Church carries on Jesus' mission through the sacraments.
- discipleship.
- sacraments of initiation.
- liturgical year.
- Jesus forgives and gives thanks.
- rites of Reconciliation.
- respect for all people.
- the virtues of faith, hope, and love.
- the works of mercy.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading

Students will:

- form opinions about what is read and support these opinions with examples or reason.
- create questions that will assist in understanding context.
- read a variety of genres.
- show evidence of using comprehension strategies.
- demonstrate understanding of new words by using them in speech, reading, writing, and creative activities.
- use word analysis skills to help discover meanings of new words.

Writing

Students will:

- use all stages of the writing process.
- publish written work in a variety of forms.
- illustrate writing.
- write across the curriculum.
- write creatively for a variety of purposes.

Listening

Students will:

- listen as they are read to daily.
- focus attention on speaker.
- listen actively for a purpose.
- demonstrate respect for the ideas and opinions of others.
- follow complex oral instruction.

LANGUAGE ARTS cont.

Speaking

Students will:

- communicate effectively with peers and adults by speaking clearly with appropriate volume, making eye contact and maintaining good posture.
- participate appropriately in class discussion.
- use voice effectively to convey meaning.
- give oral presentation for specific purpose.

MATHEMATICS

Number Sense

Students will:

- compute accurately with large and small numbers, decimals, and fractions.
- understand the relationship between decimals, fractions, and percents.
- understand the relative magnitude of numbers.
- perform calculations and solve problems involving addition, subtraction, and simple multiplication and division of fractions and decimals.

Algebra and functions

Students will:

- understand and use variables in simple expressions.
- compute the value of the expression for specific values of a variable.
- plot and interpret results.

Measurement and Geometry

Students will:

- estimate, calculate, and compare perimeter volumes and areas of simple objects.
- identify, describe, draw, and classify properties of, and relationships between, plane and solid geometric figure.

Statistics, Data Analysis, and

Probability

Students will:

- collect, display, compare, and interpret different data.
- apply basic concepts of probability to predict an outcome.

MATHEMATICS – cont.

Mathematical Reasoning

Students will:

- make decisions about how to approach problems.
- use strategies, skills, and concepts to find solutions.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Early U.S. History

Students will learn about:

- the diversity among American Indians.
- the differences in topography and climate.
- government and trade.
- European exploration to the Americas.
- the Spanish, French, and British who settled in North America.
- the shaping of our colonial heritage.
- British colonies.
- the Declaration of Independence.
- how the American colonies gained independence from Britain.
- British government.
- Britain and how the 13 colonies exploded into war.
- how the U.S. was created after the Revolutionary War.
- the Articles of Confederation.
- the Constitution of the United States.
- the westward movement.
- manifest destiny.
- the Industrial Revolution.
- the Louisiana Purchase.
- the War of 1812 with Britain.
- the War with Mexico.
- Indian wars and relocation.
- slavery.
- the Civil War.
- freeing of the slaves.

SCIENCE

Life Science

Students will understand that animals and plants have structures for respiration, digestion, waste disposal, and transportation of materials.

Physical Science

Students will learn that elements and their combinations account for all the varied types of matter in the world.

Earth Science

Students will:

- learn that water moves between the oceans and land through the process of the water cycle.
- understand that energy from the sun heats the earth unevenly, causing air movements resulting in changing weather patterns.
- study the solar system and learn that it consists of planets and other bodies that orbit the sun in predictable paths.

Scientific Method: Investigation and Experimentation

Students understand scientific progress is made by asking meaningful questions and conducting careful investigations.

SPANISH

All students in first through eighth grades will be introduced to the Spanish language at a sequential and developmentally appropriate pace. .

Fifth graders have Spanish twice per week. Students will learn conversational Spanish phrases, read and write Spanish vocabulary. Students will begin to understand the structure of the Spanish language by learning the basics of grammar. Students will experience the language through a variety of authentic learning experiences.

ART

Students will have art integrated throughout the curriculum.

MUSIC

Fifth graders will have Music class one time per week for 50 minutes. During this allotted time period, students will: describe the social functions of a variety of musical forms from various cultures and time periods; compose short pieces; explain the role of music in community events; identify career pathways in music; sing a varied repertoire of music and use classroom instruments.

COMPUTERS

Students will have computers integrated through out the curriculum.

Parent Survey Comments

- Our family has found that Holy Spirit exceeded our expectation that we had for our child and for the school environment. We love the family atmosphere and look forward to the upcoming years with HSS.
- We like the discipline and structure. Everyone (teachers, staff...) is concerned and sincere. The school seems to be well organized; our first year has been very smooth.
- Dedicated staff and feeling of community that this school provides. Location was a plus.

The purpose of this flyer is to present you with an idea of the curriculum offered to students in this grade level at Holy Spirit School. A flyer cannot completely explain the curriculum, but focuses on major themes and content.