

## **Religion**

Fifth graders will learn about their Catholic faith through stories activities, Scripture, prayer, discussion and reflection. Catholic values are discussed and integrated not only in Religion, but also in all learning. The focus is on:

- God's Creation
- Living the Beatitudes
- The Seven Sacraments
- Sacramentals
- The Liturgical Seasons
- Parts of the Mass
- Family Life, including human reproduction

## **Language Arts/Reading**

The Language Arts program includes reading, writing, speaking, listening and the study of literature. The components of the program emphasize the development of those skills that allow students to read with fluency, comprehend and interpret written materials, communicate well and listen and speak effectively. The skills acquired and understood are applied and reinforced in all content areas.

### **Reading/Literature**

A diverse selection of literature will be used to enhance student development of higher levels of comprehension and inferential thinking. The focus is on but not limited to:

- Understanding cause and effect
- Sequencing events of a story
- Summarizing key supporting details and ideas
- Using content clues
- Interpreting figurative language
- Identifying descriptive language
- Understanding literary devices
- Analyzing theme, plot and setting
- Novel studies

### **Writing**

Fifth grade students use writing to convey meaning, applying classroom instruction in grammar, spelling, mechanics and process. The focus is on:

- Writing multiple sequential paragraphs on a given topic
- Applying grammar and mechanics, parts of speech, tenses, punctuation and sentence structure
- Using the writing process including pre-writing, writing, revising, peer editing, and final draft
- Writing in multiple forms such as narrative, persuasive, expository, descriptive essays, & poetry
- Using technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing
- Writing a multi-paragraph research paper, including a works cited page

### **Listening/Speaking**

Fifth grade students will listen for understanding, follow directions and respond appropriately to the speaker. Students will use acquired language and vocabulary to express opinions. The focus is on:

- Presenting materials orally
- Making presentations in small and large groups
- Participating in small & large group discussions
- Expressing ideas clearly when speaking
- Recall information given

## **Technology**

St. Matthew follows the National Educational Technology Standards for Students. We believe that students must have regular opportunities to use technology to develop skills that encourage personal productivity, creativity, critical thinking and collaboration in the classroom and in daily life. The focus is on:

- Use digital-imaging technology to modify or create works of art for use in a digital presentation
- Recognize bias in digital resources while researching issues with guidance from the teacher
- Select and apply digital tools to collect, organize and analyze data to evaluate theories or test hypotheses

## **Technology (con't)**

- Conceptualize, guide and manage individual or group learning projects using digital planning tools with teacher support
- Gather data, examine patterns and apply information for decision making using digital tools and resources

## **Mathematics**

Fifth grade students will be following the core curriculum for math. The focus is on:

- Operations and algebraic thinking
- Number and operations in base ten
- Number and operations with fractions
- Measurement and Data
- Geometry

## **Science**

Fifth grade students use concrete, hands-on experiences to understand science in the physical and natural world around them. They learn through observing, classifying, inferring and predicting. The focus is on:

- Investigating the building blocks of matter, cells and crystals
- Observing and studying chemical & physical properties of matter
- Exploring the laws and effects of motion
- Exploring Earth in space
- Defining simple and compound machines
- Changing forms of energy
- Electricity

## Social Studies

Fifth grade students will explore the history of the United States becoming a nation. The focus will be on:

- Early migration to the Americas
- Exploring Native Americans
- American Colonies
- American Revolution
- Citizenship
- Westward movement
- Geography/map skills

## Physical Education

In fifth grade, students learn and explore factors that affect a healthy lifestyle. The focus is on:

- Developing muscle strength, cardio-respiratory endurance and flexibility
- Using rules, safety and strategies of sports and games
- Demonstrating sportsmanship and participation in sports and games

## Art

In fifth grade, students will have the opportunity to express themselves in various art forms. The focus is on:

- Using elements and principles of art to express ideas
- Interpreting artistic products and experiences
- Exploring new experiences

## Music

In fifth grade, students will have the opportunity to participate in music activities and to develop an appreciation for music. The focus is on:

- Singing in groups
- Recognizing that music/sound /movement reflects culture
- Distinguishing various types of musical instruments and elements
- Learn a simple musical instrument

## Evaluation

Edline will be used to update grades. Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be scheduled in November but can be requested at anytime.

Students will receive a report card at each of the four marking periods.

## Homework

Fifth grade students will be assigned homework as needed for practice and reinforcement as well as for the completion of special projects.

## Parents can help by:

- Modeling active participation in weekly liturgy, daily prayer, and service
- Showing an interest in homework and school activities
- Providing a quiet place and sufficient uninterrupted time to do school work
- Encouraging good nutrition, rest and exercise
- Staying in touch with the school

# ST. MATTHEW PARISH SCHOOL

## CURRICULUM GUIDE

## FIFTH GRADE

## A POSITIVE INVESTMENT IN YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

This curriculum guide provides a glimpse of goals and activities.

For more comprehensive information, please contact the school principal.

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