

Virtue of the Month

Students participate in a school-wide service project that focuses on the virtue for that month.

September: Prudence (Sound Judgment) Enables one to reason and to act rightly in any given situation—"right reason in action"

October/November: Justice (Fairness) Enables one to give to each, beginning with God, what is due him.

December/January: Theological Virtues Faith, Hope & Love

February/March: Temperance (Self-Control)

Enables one to be moderate in the pleasure and use of created goods

April/May: Fortitude (Courage) Enables one to endure difficulties and pain for the sake of what is good.

"The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God."

- St. Gregory of Nyssa

Curriculum Enhancements

- Fleming Farm
- Muffins for Moms
- D is for Daddy
- Grandparent's Day
- Class Parties
- Christmas Program
- Y5 Graduation



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Standards Young 5



Dedicated to nurturing lifelong discipleship in the Lord, promoting academic excellence, and cultivating God-given talents.



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Mathematics

Young 5 students will use manipulatives to develop number recognition skills (0-20). They will work on number writing through 20 as well. The students will also be introduced to patterns, shapes, basic geometry skills, and non-standard measurement. Simple addition skills and graphing will also be developed by the end of year.

Science & Social Studies

Several important concepts are taught through large group and center play. Color mixing, primary colors, 5 senses, seasons, life-cycles, community helpers, and citizenship are just a small number of units the Young 5 students will engage in.



Language Arts

Reading:

Young 5 students will be taught several important building blocks of reading, including letter sounds and print awareness. Students will develop skills in phonics using the Zoo Phonics program. Phonemic awareness, oral comprehension, and vocabulary will also be taught. Young 5 students will experience read alouds, shared reading, and interactive writing. By the end of Young 5's, many students will be reading pre-primer sight words, and emergent reading books.

Writing:

It is very important that our students master their fine motor skills with strong hand strength. Students will take part in several activities that will reinforce these skills including cutting, play dough, and using small manipulatives. St. Mary Young 5 students will become comfortable with printing their letters. Once they develop this skill, they will be encouraged to write and sound out words phonetically. Students will understand that words can be combined to make simple sentences and these sentences can be used to create stories. Students will be encouraged to draw pictures and use their pictures to tell a story.

Language Arts *(continued)*

Handwriting:

St. Mary Young 5 students will use the Zaner-Bloser handwriting program to learn to write letters and numbers. Handwriting Without Tears will also be incorporated in daily handwriting prompts and lessons.



Religion

Students will engage in prayer throughout the day in Young 5's. Our Father, Hail Mary, and Grace are just a few prayers that will be taught. Young 5 students will learn about the Catholic faith through Prayer, Scriptures, and the Sacraments. Young 5 students will also participate in weekly Mass and daily Bible story lessons.

