

ST. MARY CATHEDRAL

PARISH & SCHOOL

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



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Welcome to
ST. MARY



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

Share in Gods graces with a firm disposition to do good.

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.

- St. Gregory of Nyssa

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



Faith Based Learning.



PRESCHOOL

MATHEMATICS

In preschool, the children will engage in hands-on activities using manipulatives to strengthen math skills. These skills include, but are not limited to, patterning, sorting, counting to 15, and identifying numbers 0-10. We consistently work on the concept of one-to-one correspondence, number value and identifying shapes and colors. The children will be introduced to graphing and classifying by amount or size.

SCIENCE

We love to put on our imaginary goggles and become little scientists. Throughout the year we will explore in the areas of life cycles, weather, and color mixing. We will conduct experiments and study God's changing world.

LANGUAGE ARTS

The preschoolers will work on identifying their own names in print. The Zoo Phonics program is used to help the students learn letter names and sounds. In preschool, we focus on the capital letters, but the children will also gain awareness of the lowercase letters. We also love to discover and produce rhyming words.

WRITING/FINE MOTOR

We engage in many activities to enhance our fine motor skills; play dough and stringing letter beads are just a couple of examples. We practice tracing or writing our names daily while demonstrating proper pencil grip. Writing in shaving cream is just one of the many fun ways we advance our skills. We also work on correct scissor hold and improved accuracy.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We learn about our community and the helpers of our community. We learn about symbols of our country and learn the Pledge of Allegiance. We learn how to be a respectful citizen at the smaller level of our own classroom and school.

RELIGION

We turn everyday moments into opportunities to learn more about Christ; from the beautiful sky outside to the acts of kindness while learning to share. We engage in prayer time multiple times a day, as well as learn Bible stories and memorize scripture.

CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENTS

- Fleming Farm Field Trip
- Muffins for Moms
- D is for Daddy
- Grandparent's Day
- Class Parties
- Preschool Graduation



YOUNG 5

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

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/FINE MOTOR

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.

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.

CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENTS

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



KINDERGARTEN

MATHEMATICS

- One-to-One Correspondence
- Count to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's
- Write and Recognize Numbers 1-30
- Patterns
- Graphing
- Time
- Money
- 3-D Shapes
- Measurement
- Addition
- Subtraction

SCIENCE

- Inquiry Process: generate, conduct, investigate and observe
- 5 Senses
- Living and Non-Living
- Life cycle of a Plant and Ladybug

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Studies Weekly
- Myself and Others
- Living and Working Together
- Geography
- Civics and Government
- Wants and Needs
- Goods and Services

RELIGION

- Weekly Mass
- Adoration
- Daily Prayer
- Introduction to the Rosary
- Bible Stories
- Advent
- Lent
- Catholic Schools Week
- Prayer Journals
- Class Books
- Letters to Pope Francis

READING

- Word Recognition & Word Study
- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Vocabulary
- Fluency
- Narrative Text
- Informational Text
- Comprehension
- Metacognition

WRITING

- Writing Genre
- Writing Process
- Personal Style
- Spelling
- Handwriting
- Writing Attitude

SPEAKING

- Conventions
- Spoken Discourse

LISTENING AND VIEWING:

- Conventions
- Response

CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENTS

- Fleming Farm Field Trip
- 50th Day Sock Hop
- 100th Day Celebration
- Donuts with Dad
- Pumpkin Carving Night
- Gingerbread Making Night
- Grandparents Day
- Mothers Day Pampering & Tea





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