



Language Arts

Introduce basic grammar skills: identifying complete sentences, correct punctuation, capitalization, parts of speech and writing, etc. Journal writing is an essential component and demonstrates the use of these skills. Students are given daily prompts and are encouraged to write creatively. Spelling and phonics are an important aspect of language arts. New spelling words are introduced each week. Phonics skills are incorporated each week based on the list of spelling words. Reading is practiced through class unit-study and includes oral and silent reading, and both listening and comprehension skills.

Enhancement/Enrichment:

- ✚ Accelerated Reading
- ✚ Student portfolio containing artifacts created throughout the year including: art projects, creative writing projects, seasonal projects, reading theme projects, and photographs

Math

Focuses on skills including: identifying shapes, writing numbers, counting money, reading and creating graphs, counting by 2's, 5's and 10's, basic addition and subtraction facts, measurement, and telling time. Manipulatives are utilized to aid in the learning and concept process. Games and activities designed to help students learn math facts are used.

Science

Earth Science: students learn about fossils, dinosaurs, rocks, minerals, earth and space. Physical Science: students learn about the senses, solids, liquids, gases, magnets and identifying force. Life Science: students learn about living and non-living things, animals, plants, the space around us, and taking care of our world. Human Body: students learn about what makes us special, different body parts and their functions.

Enhancement/Enrichment:

- ✚ Field trip to Cedar Hills Farm to see living things in their environment; students plant a tomato plant
- ✚ Students research a planet and present report with a model of planet
- ✚ Class Science Fair participation

Social Studies

Themes include: family, working together, celebrating who we are and what we do, American heroes, spring-time, caring for the earth and for people, and discovering how to be a good citizen. Other subjects are integrated as part of the curriculum.

Enhancement/Enrichment:

- ✚ Field trip to The Memphis Fire Museum; firefighter as guest speaker
- ✚ In class Continent Project

Religion

Students are taught the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

1. What do Catholics believe?
2. How Catholics worship
3. How Catholics live.
4. How Catholics pray.



Language Arts

Reviews sentence writing and structure as well as identifying the different types of sentences. Students learn to identify and apply the different parts of speech: nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. Activities, games and cooperative grouping are utilized. Students learn friendly letter writing. Journal writing is continued; students are given daily prompts and encouraged to write creatively and apply correct grammar usage. Vocabulary and Spelling words are introduced weekly and practiced using activities especially designed for the visual, auditory and kinesthetic learners. In Reading the focus is on the development of good reading skills through the implementation of all reading strategies. At home reading is encouraged. Students are assigned book reports and various other projects to reinforce their reading and retention skills.

Enhancement / Enrichment:

- ✚ Departmentalized Learning
- ✚ Flat Stanley Project
- ✚ Accelerated Reader
- ✚ Literacy Workstations

Math

Review skills learned previously such as: addition and subtraction facts, reading and creating different graphs, and calendar questions. New concepts include: addition and subtraction with regrouping, multiplication of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, and 100, and division of equal and odd groups. Manipulatives are utilized to aid in the learning and concept process. Games and activities designed to help students learn math facts are used.

Enhancement / Enrichment:

- ✚ Departmentalized Learning
- ✚ Addition Fact Sundaes

Science

Students study Earth Science, Physical Science, and Life Science.

Enhancement / Enrichment:

- ✚ An in-depth study using the non-fiction Magic School Bus book titled Space and the Planets
- ✚ Students research and complete a book on an animal. Upon completion books are displayed in the elementary library.
- ✚ Class Science Fair participation

Social Studies

Six broad themes beginning with communities and ending with our Nation's government are studied.

Enhancement / Enrichment:

- ✚ Flat Stanley project
- ✚ Guest speakers

Religion

Sacramental preparation is the focus of second grade Religious education. Students are taught the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

1. What do Catholics believe?
2. How Catholics worship.
3. How Catholics live.
4. How Catholics pray.

Enhancement / Enrichment:

- ✚ A tour of the Cathedral
- ✚ Sacramental Retreat



Language Arts

Review the types of sentences, capitalization and punctuation, and learn to identify and correctly use different parts of speech. Journal writing encourages creative writing and stresses correct grammar usage. Vocabulary and Spelling words are introduced weekly and practiced throughout the week. The focus reading program focuses on the development of good reading skills through implementation of all reading strategies. At home reading is encouraged and book reports and special projects are assigned periodically.

Enhancement / Enrichment:

- ✚ Students write, illustrate, and publish a book and culminate the activity with an author's reception.
- ✚ Living Museum where each student chooses a famous person, write and memorize a paragraph about this individual, and during Fine Arts Week they dress and perform as this individual (reciting their memorized paragraph) to family, friends, students and other "museum" guests and visitors.
- ✚ Accelerated Reading
- ✚ Literacy Workstations

Math

Reviews and builds on skills learned previously. Addition and subtraction using regrouping is continued and intensified. All multiplication facts are learned. Manipulatives, games, and activities are used to help learn facts. Division, fractions, time, and word problems are also important parts of the math program.

Enhancement / Enrichment:

- ✚ Fact Sundaes

Science

Students continue their study of Physical Science, Earth Science, Life Science, and the Human Body.

Enhancement / Enrichment:

- ✚ Class Science Fair participation

Social Studies

Focuses on communities; learning about the history, geography, and cultural aspects of communities. America's resources are explored. Our North American neighbors are studied emphasizing that we are a global community. Our local, state, and federal governments are introduced, as well as the governments of our neighbors. Skills such as map reading and taking surveys are an additional focus.

Enhancement / Enrichment:

- ✚ Students are taught to use graphic organizers to help them organize new information.

Religion

The focus is on what Catholics believe, how they worship, how they live, and how they should pray. Concepts are reinforced through games, artwork, role-play, and other activities.



Language Arts

Parts of speech, correct usage, mechanics, poetry and creative writing skills are introduced. Students learn skills ranging from diagramming sentences to public speaking. Vocabulary and Spelling words are introduced weekly and practiced throughout the week for usage in context and test preparation. Reading skills are taught through a literature-based approach.

Enhancement / Enrichment

- ✦ Accelerated Reading
- ✦ Literacy Centers
- ✦ Daily silent reading time is provided in special reading “nooks”
- ✦ Spelling Bee

Math

Covers place value from one hundred millions to thousandths; rounding whole numbers, fractions, and decimal numbers; adding and subtracting whole numbers, decimals and fractions; add, subtract, multiply and divide basic facts; divide whole numbers by 2-digit divisors; multiply 2-3 digit numbers; geometry; percent; and measurement with standard and metric units in length, mass and capacity. Students engage in activities that require them to perform skills taught in previous lessons as well as the lesson of the day. Problem solving strategies requiring a variety of skills are taught.

Enhancement / Enrichment

- ✦ Board races, group tutoring, one-on-one teacher/student conference, and self-correction of mistakes

Science

Students study the world of space, ocean life, vertebrates/invertebrates, plants, light/sound, and electricity.

Enhancement / Enrichment

- ✦ Students are required to research and prepare a Science Fair project
- ✦ Students design three-dimensional models and write reports about a planet of their choice
- ✦ A field trip to the Botanic Garden and Litcherman Nature Center
- ✦ Memphis Zoo’s “Northwest Survivors” class

Social Studies

Study focuses on the regions of the United States, map and globe skills, and the fifty states and capitals.

Enhancement / Enrichment

- ✦ Geography Bee
- ✦ Students create PowerPoint presentations in computer class on one of the fifty United States.
- ✦ A ‘Festival of Cultures’ field trip enhances a unit of study.
- ✦ Desk-sized map of the U.S. is embellished as each region is studied

Religion

Students focus on understanding the Beatitudes, Sacraments, and 10 Commandments. Lenten and Advent seasons are studied.

Enhancement / Enrichment:

- ✦ Saint research and puppet show



Language Arts

Students study the major areas of the language arts curriculum: writing, grammar, correct usage, poetry, and speaking and listening skills. Students learn skills to aid them in writing cohesive paragraphs. Spelling and Vocabulary words are presented each week. Weekly activities and tests are given to check the student's mastery of these words. The Reading program aims to develop successful readers through literature organized in themes as well as skills practice. Approximately five novels are read and reported on in a variety of ways.

Enhancement / Enrichment

- ✦ Accelerated Reading
- ✦ Spelling Bee
- ✦ Endangered Animal PowerPoint presentations created by students

Math

A continuation of skills from previous years: place value, basic facts, problem solving, and measurement. New skills introduced are: adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions; solving two-step word problems; algebraic equations; decimals; exponents, and ratio and percent.

Science

Students study Earth Science covering weather and the composition of the Earth; Physical Science exploring the many forms of energy; Life Science includes plants and their growth cycles; and the unit on the Human Body focuses on the different systems within the body.

Enhancement / Enrichment

- ✦ Students are required to research and prepare a Science Fair project
- ✦ Field Trip to Pink Palace Rock and Mineral Lab

Social Studies

Students study the formation of our country starting with the first Native Americans. As the year progresses the students learn about the establishment of the American colonies, The American Revolution, the organization of our government, and the Civil War.

Enhancement / Enrichment

- ✦ Geography Bee
- ✦ Explorer websites developed by students
- ✦ Field Trips to Chucalissa and Shiloh National Park
- ✦ Exchange City (Jr. Achievement) 6 week program and 1 day field trip/experience

Religion

Students are introduced to the concepts necessary for understanding the sacraments in the Catholic Church. All students attend a weekly Mass.

Enhancement / Enrichment

- ✦ Saint Projects: students prepare a report and deliver their report to the class dressed in costume as the saint.
- ✦ Christmas Around the World projects: in groups students research a country, prepare a report, and prepare a native food or dish from the country to share with the class