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ELEMENTARY GRADES FACT SHEET



A solid curriculum, integrated among the various disciplines and always taught in the light of the Gospels is offered for students in grades three through five.

A brief overview is offered here of topics covered in various subjects in these grade levels. It should be understood that this is a very limited list and the curriculum includes a much wider range of topics and skills.

Religion

third grade	fourth grade	fifth grade
Apostles' Creed, Liturgy, Sacraments	Salvation History	The Trinity
Commandments	Works of Mercy Commandments	Sacraments
Prayer Life	Prayer Life	The Mass

Language Arts / Reading

third grade	fourth grade	fifth grade
introduction to the dictionary	expanding research skills	deepen knowledge and skills in proofreading
write a properly constructed and punctuated paragraph	write a multiple paragraph report	develop notetaking skills
using cursive handwriting	continue study of parts of speech	Literature appreciation

Math

Students in all grades use the Saxon math program. This excellent series allows the student to master new skills while continually reinforcing skills acquired in previous lessons and grades. A few concepts from each grade are provided here:

third grade	fourth grade	fifth grade
master multiplication and division facts through 144	rules of divisibility	fraction computations
introduce long division	long division with two digit divisors	number sense, notation, computation
operations with fractions	averages, means, graphic and geometry	problem solving



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Science

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Science lessons are enriched with hands-on experiences wherever possible. Students learn the Scientific Method by doing and demonstrate their skills in observation, recording data and analysis at all grade levels.

third grade	fourth grade	fifth grade
Scientific Method	The Atom; Electricity	Scientific method
Matter, Machines and Energy	Weather and the Solar System	Light and sound
Ecology and Habitats	Oceanography	Plants and Ecosystems

Social Studies

third grade	fourth grade	fifth grade
United States Geography and Government	Virginia History	World Geography

In addition, all students enjoy a daily enrichment class including instruction in art, music, computer technology, library science, physical education and foreign language.

Students in grades four and five are eligible to participate in the St. Rita School Band program and CYO basketball.

Strings and Band programs are available to students in the elementary grades for an additional fee.

Students participate in outreach projects to help the less fortunate, including “Pennies for the Villa”, clothing drives, food collection at Thanksgiving, support for the ALIVE! Shelter at Christmas, the Walk for the Homeless, the St. Jude Math-A-Thon, a “Shower for the Shelter” and various projects sponsored by the Student Council.

