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PRIMARY 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 Kindergarten through second grades.

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

Kindergarten	first grade	second grade
Apostles' Creed	The Trinity	Creation
Commandments and Virtues	Sacraments and the Commandments	preparation for First Penance and First Communion
Prayer and Sacraments	Liturgical seasons	The Mass

Language Arts / Reading

Kindergarten	first grade	second grade
listening skills and phonics	sight words and recognizing syllables	fiction and nonfiction literature
print awareness	phonics and decoding; grammar	writing paragraphs
upper and lower case alphabet	writing and spelling skills	punctuation

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:

Kindergarten	first grade	second grade
counting and sorting	addition and subtraction facts; patterns; fractions	problem solving; three digit numbers; sequences
beginning operations	money	estimation
measurement	creating and interpreting graphs	solid geometry



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Science

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.

Kindergarten	first grade	second grade
properties of matter	simple instruments	Weather patterns and life cycles
senses	body systems; health and hygiene; living and nonliving; habitats	Environment science
weather	sound and energy	Magnets, lights and states of matter

Social Studies

Kindergarten	first grade	second grade
helpers in our community and government	Neighborhoods and Communities map skills	North American communities

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

Field trips are scheduled throughout the school year to enhance curriculum.

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.

