



Sacred Heart Catholic School

Course Curriculum Guide

Pre-Kindergarten through 6th Grade

ENGLISH & LITERATURE	Reading	Pre-Kindergarten	<i>Open Court Reading</i> , SRA/McGraw-Hill This reading program is a literature rich, reading and language arts program that instills passion in children for lifelong learning and love of reading.
		Kindergarten through 5 th Grade	<i>Treasures</i> , Macmillan/McGraw-Hill <i>Treasures</i> is a research based, comprehensive Reading Language Arts program for grades K-5 that gives educators the resources they need to help all students succeed. High quality literature coupled with explicit instruction and ample practice ensures that students grow as life-long readers and writers.
		6 th Grade	<i>Literature, Course 1</i> , Glencoe/McGraw-Hill This course engages students with the highest quality literature, a balance of fiction and nonfiction, through the study of various individual works and the <i>Literature, Course 1</i> materials.
	Language Arts	Pre-Kindergarten	<i>Open Court</i> , SRA/McGraw-Hill This language arts program focuses on phonics and reading comprehension.
		Kindergarten through 1 st Grade and 3 rd Grade	<i>Treasures</i> , Macmillan/McGraw-Hill <i>Treasures</i> is a research based, comprehensive Reading Language Arts program for grades K-6 that gives educators the resources they need to help all students succeed. High quality literature coupled with explicit instruction and ample practice ensures that students grow as life-long readers and writers.
		2 nd , 4 th & 5 th Grades	<i>Language Arts</i> , Macmillan/McGraw-Hill A balanced approach to grammar and writing, <i>Language Arts</i> combines language skills with immediate application to writing so students learn through an integrated process.
		4 th Grade	<i>Daily Paragraph Editing</i> , Evan Moore This resource is designed to help students master and retain grade-level skills in language mechanics and expressions through focused, daily practice.
		5 th Grade	<i>Strategies for Writers</i> , Zaner-Bloser <i>Strategies for Writers</i> teaches students to use the writing process and six traits to be effective writers—and how to apply this knowledge to written assessments.
		6 th Grade	<i>Write Source</i> , Houghton Mifflin Harcourt This course develops student core grammar, usage, and mechanics skills by providing guided instruction, practice, and reinforcement.

MATHEMATICS	Pre-Kindergarten through 5 th Grade	<i>Math Connects</i> , Macmillan/McGraw-Hill <i>Math Connects</i> provides opportunities for students to build their understanding of mathematical concepts and practice to master important skills. Most importantly, all concepts are taught through and practiced within a strong problem-solving environment, ensuring that students become life-long problem solvers.
	6 th Grade	<i>Math Connects – Course 1</i> , Glencoe This math program provides a balanced approach of conceptual understanding, skills practice and problem-solving application.

SOCIAL STUDIES	Pre-Kindergarten	<p><i>Scholastic My Big World Magazine</i></p> <p>The Pre-K edition of <i>Scholastic</i> helps young children develop critical-thinking and early reading skills. The material presented is age-appropriate and nonfiction.</p>
	Kindergarten	<p><i>TIME for Kids</i></p> <p><i>TIME</i> covers a wide range of real-world topics kids love to learn about. It builds reading and writing skills as well.</p>
	1 st , 2 nd 3 rd and 5 th Grades	<p><i>Timelinks</i>, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill</p> <p><i>Timelinks</i> builds geographic mastery with maps and uses strategies to reinforce reading and language arts skills, while integrating <i>Zike's Foldables</i> to help students improve comprehension. Included in each grade's curriculum are citizenship, culture, economics, geography and history.</p> <p>1st Grade: "All Together" (5 books) 2nd Grade: "People and Places" (5 books) 3rd Grade: "Communities" 5th Grade: "The United States" (2 volumes)</p>
	4 th Grade	<p><i>Our Mississippi</i>, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill</p> <p><i>Our Mississippi</i> teaches students the fundamentals of social studies such as freedom, patriotism and citizenship in our state.</p>
	6 th Grade	<p><i>World Geography</i> / Holt McDougal</p> <p>Students learn and use a variety of geography skills to better understand the Eastern and Western Hemisphere. The textbook helps accomplish this by introducing students to the history, geography, and people of the continents of North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Europe, and Australia.</p> <p><i>Mississippi Citizenship Handbook</i> / Holt McDougal</p> <p>The Citizenship Handbook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - outlines the history and structure of our government. - explains how our political system operates. - suggests ways you can become a more active and engaged citizen of your country, state, and community. - teaches valuable citizenship skills.
SCIENCE	Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten	<p>Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students learn science through a series of teacher-created lessons which incorporate hands-on learning experiences for students through classroom projects and field trips.</p>
	1 st - 5 th Grade	<p><i>Science-A Closer Look</i>, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill</p> <p>This dynamic program offers students exciting and accessible standards-based lessons. Engaging activities promote curiosity and foster the development of science inquiry skills, through a consistent and structured learning cycle. Students confidently rely upon their experiences to develop a lifelong understanding of science concepts.</p>
	6 th Grade	<p><i>Science-Level Red</i>, Glencoe</p> <p>In this course, students are provided multiple experiences of each science standard through a range of labs, content area reading, discussion strategies and note-taking instruction.</p>

HANDWRITING		1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Grades	<p><i>Handwriting, Zaner-Bloser</i></p> <p>This handwriting curriculum uses academic language and modeling to teach handwriting, a foundational literacy skill.</p> <p>1st & 2nd Grade – Manuscript handwriting is used. 3rd & 4th Grade – Cursive handwriting is used.</p>
RELIGION		Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten	<p><i>Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus, Our Sunday Visitor</i></p> <p>Each <i>Allelu!</i> Christ-centered lesson contributes to a solid Catholic foundation with Scripture, prayer, ritual and community life.</p>
		1 st through 6 th Grade	<p><i>Alive in Christ, Our Sunday Visitor</i></p> <p><i>Alive in Christ</i> uses developmentally appropriate text, images, exercises, and activities that address multiple learning styles and engage students’ senses and imagination. Students encounter Sacred Scripture that is prayed with, reflected upon, studied, and applied to their daily lives, forming Catholic identity.</p>
SPECIALTY CLASSES	Art	Pre-Kindergarten through 6 th Grade	Students learn the characteristics of the visual arts by using a wide range of subject matter, symbols, meaningful images, and visual expressions, to reflect their ideas, feelings and emotions; and to evaluate the merits of their efforts. They develop new techniques, approaches and habits for applying knowledge and skills in the visual arts to the world beyond school. Students are taught the history of art and to recognize the Masters.
	Computer	Pre-Kindergarten through 6 th Grade	Students use various websites with interactive and engaging Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science lessons that reinforce what is being taught in their classes. Students in kindergarten through 6 th grade also access their Accelerated Reading quizzes during Computer Class. In 1 st through 6 th grade, students are taught to type using <i>MicroType</i> , and begin learning to use Microsoft Office programs.
	Library	Pre-Kindergarten through 6 th Grade	<p>Students learn library citizenship, location skills, literature appreciation and response, and the use of an electronic catalog. They are introduced to a variety of different authors and illustrators. Students enjoy Caldecott Award and Newbery Award winning books. Through the library, students participate in the <i>Renaissance Learning Accelerated Reader</i> program which offers the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes essential reading practice more effective for every student. • Personalizes reading practice to each student’s current level. • Manages all reading activities include read to, read with and read independently. • Assesses students’ reading with four types of quizzes – reading practice, vocabulary practice, literacy skills and textbook quizzes. • Builds a lifelong love of reading and learning.
	Physical Education	Pre-Kindergarten through 6 th Grade	Physical Education assists student development in fundamental motor skills, manipulative skills and movement experiences. Cognitive concepts associated with movement and fitness will enable the student to develop positive attitudes toward healthy lifestyles and physical activities. Students are taught to understand acceptable behaviors for the physical activity setting. Safe practices, classroom rules and procedures are prominent issues during instruction. Concepts of cooperation are introduced through small group activities, involving sharing equipment and space.

SPECIALTY CLASSES	Music	Pre-Kindergarten through 6 th Grade	Through musical experiences students discover their own musical interests and individual talents. Students learn basic elements of music (pitch, rhythm, harmony, dynamics, timbre, texture and form) which is introduced in Pre-K and continued in successive grade levels. Skills are learned by singing, dancing, composition and playing instruments. All students perform at Christmas concerts, a Spring concert and weekly Masses.
	Spanish	Pre-Kindergarten through 6 th Grade	The curriculum embraces a broad spectrum of communication skills utilizing the five C's of essential foreign language education: Communication, Culture, Connections, Comparisons and Community. Through the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, students are able to broaden their awareness, acceptance and understanding of the Hispanic culture. Additionally, elements of the Catholic faith traditions are integrated into the Spanish curriculum to provide a meaningful language and cultural experience within the context of the Catholic faith.
ARTS INTEGRATION		Pre-Kindergarten through 6 th Grade	Teachers use all forms of art as a tool for teaching their subject matter. They create lessons that are more meaningful and foster a deeper level of knowledge. Learning is provided through all art forms: music, dance, visual art, theatre and creative writing. Teachers use the arts as a tool to discover self-discipline, exploration, problem solving, innovation and creativity.