



St. John Paul II Catholic School

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to be a future saint!

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Curriculum Close-Up

English Language Arts

- Understand the writing process and write for varied audiences and purposes including personal narratives and friendly letters
- Recognize parts of speech and develop an understanding of sentence structure; apply capitalization and punctuation with increasing accuracy
- Develop reading comprehension focusing on main idea and details, compare and contrast, story elements, inferencing and cause and effect
- Apply knowledge of word patterns and rules when spelling across content areas
- Build vocabulary including multiple meaning words, alphabetizing, synonyms/antonyms, using a glossary and dictionary and context clues
- Increase reading fluency, accuracy, expression, appropriate phrasing by monitoring reading and applying a variety of decoding strategies

Mathematics

- Use standard, word and expanded forms to represent numbers up to 1,200
- Recall basic facts to add and subtract within 20 with automaticity
- Read and write time to the nearest one-minute increment using analog and digital clocks
- Determine the value of a collection of coins up to one dollar
- Add up to four two-digit numbers and subtract two-digit numbers using mental strategies and algorithms based on knowledge of place value and properties of operations
- Classify and sort three-dimensional solids, including spheres, cones, cylinders, rectangular prisms (including cubes as special rectangular prisms) and triangular prisms, based on attributes using formal geometric language



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Science

- Classify matter by physical properties, including shape, relative mass, relative temperature, texture, flexibility and whether material is a solid or a liquid
- Observe and describe rocks by size, texture and color
- Measure, record and graph weather, precipitation and cloud coverage in order to identify patterns in the data
- Observe and identify how magnets are used in everyday life
- Identify factors in the environment, including temperature and precipitation, that affect growth and behavior such as migration, hibernation and dormancy of living things
- Observe, record and compare how the physical characteristics of plants help them meet their basic needs

Social Studies

- Explain how people, events and technology have influenced local communities, including the contributions of historical figures
- Identify various national, ethnic and cultural celebrations and compare various ethnic and cultural celebrations in their community
- Identify continents and oceans and explain the difference between continent and countries using map skills and globes
- Describe citizenship and the traits and responsibilities of a good citizen
- Identify the three branches of government and explain their functions
- Describe the different types of communities (rural, urban, suburban) and how the type of community influences how people live
- Explain economic terms like goods, services, producers and consumers

Religion

- Jesus teaches about God's love; Holy Trinity and Seven Sacraments
- Jesus teaches the commandments; the great commandment
- The church meets Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Act of Contrition
- Jesus gives the gift of Himself in the Eucharist; Mass parts
- Jesus gives His Spirit to the church; saints
- The Mystery of Jesus Christ is expressed in the liturgical life of the church; Pope, Mary, liturgical calendar

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