



ARCHANGEL GABRIEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BUILDING MINDS, NOURISHING SOULS.

Curriculum Summary *Kindergarten*



Overview

We as educators believe the purpose of a Catholic education is to educate the whole person within the family and their community. We hope to provide our kindergarten with a balanced academic and spiritual education which will be a strong foundation for them to become life long learners.

Language Arts

A unique program that motivates children to read through the use of Superkids characters whose activities and adventures keep them motivated with songs, stories, and surprises.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- The SuperKids Reading Program (Zaner-Bloser)

What Your Child Will Learn

Superkids teaches all aspects of reading including:

- Phonics
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Fluency
- Handwriting
- Decoding/encoding
- Grammar
- Mechanics of writing
- Oral and written expression
- Teaching through flexible grouping (skill based)
- Small group intervention (step by step)

Math

Our students become self directed learners familiar with approaching complex problems with inventiveness and flexibility. Through the use of manipulative, mental math, technology, individual and whole group instruction as well as progress monitoring, our students will enhance their understanding to think accurately in abstract situations using the fundamental logic and unity of mathematical thought.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- *Progress in Mathematics* -Sadlier

What Your Child Will Learn

- Geometry
- Classification, position, and patterns
- Counting, oral and visual recognition of numbers 0 – 100
- Writing numerals
- Addition and subtraction
- Fractions
- Measurement
- Money



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Religion

The Catholic faith is the center of our school and Archangel Gabriel School family. Our Catholic teaching fosters the unification of the many aspects of the child – spiritual, moral, religious, and intellectual. We discuss and develop our relationship with God, our family, our friends, and our community.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- Sadlier - We Believe

What Your Child Will Learn

- Discussion and understanding of Christ's Good News to us. 'We are good, We are special, God loves us'.
- Prayers
- Reverence for church and rudimentary understanding of the Mass
- Celebrations of the Church's holidays and religious seasons
- Expressing our love of God through actions
- Reverence of the Blessed Mother

Science

Children of this age will explore the world and the relationship of the world to his/her life. Children will follow a discovery and problem solving approach based on their experiences.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- Scholastic Let's Find Out
- Supplemental Teacher Materials

What Your Child Will Learn

- Needs of plants and animals
- Growing and changing
- Land, water, air
- Weather and the seasons
- Matter
- How things move
- How things work

Social Studies

Upon entering our school our children begin to realize their role in the community. The life of a kindergarten child is centered around home, family and their neighborhood. In kindergarten social studies, we introduce the children to people and the customs of the community and that of our country.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- *Social Studies Weekly*



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What Your Child Will Learn

- Location skills
- Introduction to the study of maps and globes
- Following directions by listening
- Developing group participation skills
- Awareness of people and our local and national government
- Respecting our American heritage
- Developing an awareness of the interdependence of all people

Special Projects/Events

- Publishing books through Nationwide learning
- Easter Egg project – reflect on Jesus' journey (death and resurrection)
- Planting seeds
- Taking part in fun and educational days (Dr. Seuss, Pancake Day, Dental Health month etc.)
- Field trips

Spanish

Students will be introduced to prayers, basic vocabulary words, and some conversational terms.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- Supplemental teacher materials

What Your Child Will Learn

- Basic vocabulary
- Conversational terms
- Sign of the Cross
- I love Jesus prayer