

**John Paul the Great Academy Lower
School Curriculum Overview**

	Religion	Math	Literature	Science	History	Literacy/Spelling/Hand writing	Grammar	Latin
PreK	*Prayers *Old and New Testament Stories *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Number Sense Activities	Classic stories and Nursery Rhymes	Activities with the Letter of the Week	Bible History	Phonological Awareness Activities Use of manipulatives for letter formation	Poetry	The Sign of the Cross
Kindergarten	*Prayers *Old and New Testament Stories *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Singapore MathK	* Levelled Readers for Reading fluency and comprehension	*Exploring Living/Nonliving Beings *Plant Life *Animal Life *The Human Body *Dinosaurs *Seasons and Weather	*Bible History *Continents Locate and explore some of the cultures of each	*Access Literacy for Phonological Awareness Activities	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing	*The Sign of the Cross *Blessing before Meals
1st Grade	*Faith and Life Series *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Singapore Math Books 1A and 1B	*Levelled Readers for Reading fluency and comprehension	Holt McDougal	Story of the World Ancient World (First Half of the Book)	*Access Literacy for Phonological Awareness Activities	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing	*The Sign of the Cross *Blessing before Meals *Hail Mary *Glory Be
2nd Grade	*Faith and Life Series *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Singapore Math Books - 2A and 2B	* Levelled Readers for Reading fluency and comprehension *Classic stories	Holt McDougal	Story of the World Ancient World (Second Half of the Book)	*Access Literacy for Phonological Awareness Activities	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing	*The Sign of the Cross *Blessing before Meals *Hail Mary *Glory Be *Our Father

3rd Grade	*Faith and Life Series *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Singapore Math Books - 3A and 3B	*Core Knowledge Novels *Classic novels	Holt McDougal	Story of the World Medieval World (First Half of the Book)	*Access Literacy for Phonological Awareness Activities	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing Well Ordered Language 1A and 1B	Latin and Greek Roots
4th Grade	*Faith and Life Series *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Singapore Math Books 4A and 4B	*Core Knowledge Novels *Classic novels	Holt McDougal	Story of the World Medieval World (Second Half of the Book)	*Access Literacy for Phonological Awareness Activities	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing *Well Ordered Language 1A and 1B	Latin and Greek Roots
5th Grade	Faith and Life Series	Singapore Math Books - 5A and 5B	*Classic novels	Holt McDougal	Story of the World Early Modern World	*Access Literacy for Phonological Awareness Activities *Spelling words will be pulled from novels and dealing with the phonics skill being taught. *Students will copy excerpts from classic novels, speeches, and quotes.	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing Well Ordered Language 2A and 2B	Latin and Greek Roots
6th Grade	Faith and Life Series	Singapore Math Books - 6A and 6B	Classic novels (5-6 novels)	Holt McDougal	Story of the World Modern World	*Spelling words will be pulled from novels and dealing with the phonics skill being taught *Students will copy excerpts from classic novels, speeches and quotes..	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing *Well Ordered Language 3A and 3B	Latin and Greek Roots
Weekly	Art, Choir (Ward method), Physical Education, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd							

Singapore Math This math teaching program emphasizes the development of strong number sense, excellent mental math skills, deep understanding of place value, and strategic problem solving skills. The curriculum progresses from concrete experience using manipulatives to a pictorial stage, and finally to the abstract level or algorithm. This progression gives students a solid understanding of basic mathematical concepts and relationships before they start working at the abstract level. Singapore math includes a strong emphasis on model drawing, a visual approach to solving word problems that helps students organize information and solve problems in a step by step manner. Taking a classical approach, Singapore math is taught to mastery, then later expanded upon. The focus is on developing students to be problem solvers.

Institute for Excellence in Writing A program that teaches grammar through writing. The IEW's approach uses the four language arts listening, speaking, reading, and writing to teach students to write well, think clearly, and express themselves eloquently and persuasively, all of which are hallmarks of a classical education.