



## **ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT**

### **Grades K3- Grade 4**

**Italian language instruction:** Italian language and introduction to the culture and customs of Italy are taught to our very youngest.

**Handwriting without Tears:** As a nation, we place great emphasis on the importance of reading and writing. Yet, when it comes to literacy, handwriting often is left out of the conversation. Researchers have highlighted the relationship between handwriting and composition skills. They are supporting what elementary educators see on a daily basis: good handwriting habits foster student success.

**Reading Buddy Program:** The Buddies Program builds relationships and community within SJS. Upper Grade Students select a book to read and talk about with their younger buddy – building reading skills, communication and friendship.

**Reading Support Teacher (Grades K to 3):** Individual and small group support to children on either end of the spectrum.

**North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) (K5-8):** General music classes and chorus.