

# St. Margaret Catholic School

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> Grade Curriculum

### READING – Harcourt

St. Margaret adopted a new reading series based on the best practices and the latest research based teaching strategies. The students are exposed to a variety of genres with emphasis placed on phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, and writing. The program provides ample practice and application of those skills using an array of tools and activities suited to all types of learners. A student workbook is provided for reinforcement. Students use text-dependent questions in order to improve comprehension skills as well as interpreting the purpose of the genre piece read. Spelling is embedded into this reading series. SMCS uses Accelerated Reader and STAR Reading to motivate students to read and monitor their success.

### ENGLISH – Houghton Mifflin

This English series provides student-centered language arts instruction. Students learn to speak, write, listen, and use the English language proficiently. Students focus on language mechanics and usage. The students also employ the writing process to improve their ability to write argumentative, expository, and narrative modes of writing with an emphasis on persuasive and argumentative modes of writing. A student workbook is provided for reinforcement. Students attend Spanish class once a week.

### MATH – Scott Foresman

This series consists long division, multiplication and division of fractions, measuring angles and geometry, area and perimeter word problems, basic algebra, measurement, and probability.

### SOCIAL STUDIES – Pearson

United States History from 1492 – 1992

- Native Americans
- Colonial America
- Revolutionary and Civil War
- Industry era
- World War I & II
- Civil Rights
- Map Skills

### SCIENCE – Scott Foresman

- Minerals & crystals
- Animal & plant cells
- Simple machines
- Gravity, motion, & forces
- Matter
- Body systems
- Energy & environment
- Electrical circuits
- Populations & eco-systems

### RELIGION

The theme entails a thorough study of the articles of the Creed as the basic belief of our Catholic faith, with a special emphasis on careful understanding of definitions through the words of the Gospels, the prophets, and the prayers of the Church.

Unit 1: God the Father of All; The Old Testament and mankind's participation in & loss of God's life

Unit 2: God the Son, the Redeemer; The fulfillment of God's plan in Christ, God, & Man

Unit 3: God, the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier; Our Call to Holiness & Witness in the Church

## ACTIVITIES

- D.A.R.E.
- Field trips
- Classroom & school-wide service projects

## ENRICHMENTS

- Library
- Art: 2x/week
- Music: Kodály philosophy of music education
  - Complete program of music education that contributes to the emotional, intellectual, aesthetic, and physical development of the child
  - Teaches music literacy through hearing, feeling, and experiencing music through age appropriate folk song material leading children to musical masterpieces.
- Computer: 2x/week
- PE: 3x/week

## TECHNOLOGY

Fifth grade students use the promethean Board as a tool to ensure greater participation, focus, and interaction as a means to improve student achievement. A technology rich classroom promotes enthusiasm, meets individual learning styles, and expands educational resources to infinite proportions. Students attend computer class twice a week for 30 minute periods. The Type to Learn Program teaches keyboarding skills and basic computer terminology. The school has a mobile computer lab available to teachers and students to help with research and instruction.