

St. Margaret Catholic School

Kindergarten 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. SMCS uses Accelerated Reader and STAR Reading to motivate students to read and monitor their success.

SPALDING (Phonics/Handwriting Program)

Spalding is taught in conjunction with our reading program in order to enhance and develop a love of reading, use of a rich vocabulary, and the understanding of the structure of the English language. This program develops a child's reading ability through phonemic awareness, phonics and spelling, vocabulary, fluency, and text comprehension.

MATH – Pearson/Scott Foresman/Addison Wesley – enVision Math

- Counting & Cardinality: counting and writing numbers 0 – 100, comparing and ordering numbers 0 – 10, working on a 100 chart
- Operations & Algebraic Thinking: understanding addition and subtraction, writing number sentences for numbers 4 – 10
- Measurement & Data: comparing by length, height, capacities, and weight, working with graphs and sorting information with different attributes
- Geometry: identifying and describing shapes (including solid figures and flat surfaces) position and location of shapes

SOCIAL LIVING

- Earth awareness
- Fire Safety
- Dental Health
- Seasons
- Louisiana culture
- Plant life
- Nutrition
- Character building skills
- Seasonal holiday activities
- Historical celebrations

RELIGION

This curriculum presents the faith in a lively, colorful manner. It is founded on two unifying key truths: God and creation, while stressing the dignity of each child made in God's image. It presents faith in terms and activities children understand. Each lesson includes Bible stories, "Concepts of Faith," home activities and fun workshops.

Scholastic Weekly Readers use high-quality nonfiction and real-world photos that introduce seasonal science, social studies, and social development themes, skill-building features and engaging activities that teach the fundamentals of reading and math.

ACTIVITIES

- Harvey Rabbit
- Children's Museum
- Children's Concerts
- Service projects such as Jump Rope for Heart and Adopt a Seminarian
- Big Buddy Program with 8th grade students
- 100th Day of School
- Holiday activities and assemblies
- Red Ribbon Week

ENRICHMENTS

- Art
- 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.
- Library
- PE: 2x/week

TECHNOLOGY

Each classroom is equipped with a Promethean Board for learning and instruction. This interactive technology as well as use of the laptop/document camera is used to enhance and improve reading, math and writing skills. Learning Milestones is a fun and interactive e-workbook for developing student's reading and math skills. Educational computer games are also utilized that are designed to enhance student's learning of basic skills.