



The Kindergarten Experience at St. Vincent de Paul School

Kindergarten Curriculum

Specials Classes

Art
Computer
Library
Music
PE
Spanish

Highlights

Cooking curriculum for
tasting new things

Nativity Play

“Journey to the Cross”
parade – Holy Week

Friday centers with
special guests

Faith Rally

Religion

- Recognize that God loves me, I am made special with particular gifts and talents
- Celebrate liturgical feasts and special saint days
- Practice interior and exterior reverence in church
- Recite basic prayers: Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be, Guardian Angel

Language Arts

- Recognize and write capital and lower case letters
- Practice letter-sound correspondence
- Blend letter sounds to read simple words and sentences with fluency
- Develop sense of sequence, cause/effect, fiction/nonfiction through stories

Math

- Recognize numbers 1-30; count to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's
- Recognize and create patterns and graphs
- Sort by various qualities
- Demonstration 1:1 correspondence
- Add and subtract accurately with manipulatives and number symbols

Social Studies

- Understand and practice good citizenship in a community
- Introduce historical figures and holiday celebrations
- Explore roles of community helpers

Science

- Examine plant and animal life
- Understand healthful care and hygiene for their own bodies
- Distinguish characteristics among the four seasons

Kindergarten Co-Curricular Enrichments

Robotics

SVdP Serves Community Touchpoint: Surrounding Neighbors

Outdoor Learning Lab

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Virtue Education Program

Second Step Social-Emotional Development Program



The First Experience at St. Vincent de Paul School

First Grade Curriculum

Specials Classes

Art
Computer
Library
Music
PE
Spanish

Highlights

Guest Reader

Christmas Concert

Second Step social
emotional development

Virtue Education Program

Faith Rally

Religion

- Examine doctrines of the Creed: Creation, Scripture, Incarnation
- Learn the lives of the saints: Mary
- Develop awareness of the liturgy as entry point into the Christian mystery
- Identify parts and symbols of the Sacraments

Language Arts

- Read with accuracy and fluency to support comprehension
- Use a variety of comprehension strategies
- Apply grade level phonics and word analysis skill in decoding words
- Develop vocabulary through context clues
- Analyze word relationships
- Present orally and retelling stories

Math

- Develop strong number sense with number lines and place value
- Add and subtract with regrouping
- Multiply and Divide through visual grouping of objects
- Manipulate parts of a whole to visualize fractions
- Compare and describe geometric planes and 3D shapes
- Find missing parts of a number bond or number sentence (algebraic concepts)
- Use instruments to measure length, weight, temperature, time, money

Social Studies

- Use maps/globe to discuss countries, continents, hemispheres, oceans, legends
- Analyze jobs, responsibilities and consequent economics
- Identify patriotic symbols
- Understand how rules and laws order a society

Science

- Discuss healthful living including hygiene, diet and exercise
- Identify elements of Earth's surface: land, water, air, core, mantle, seasons
- Introduce elements of Physical Science: energy and matter
- Trace life cycles, needs and characteristic of plants and animals
- Record and graph data

First Grade Co-Curricular Enrichments

Robotics

SVdP Serves Community Touchpoint: Friends at the Parish

Outdoor Learning Lab –

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)



The Second Grade Experience at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School

Second Grade Curriculum

Specials Classes

Art
Computer
Library
Music
PE
Spanish

Highlights

*Sacramental year: First
Reconciliation*

Christmas Concert

Virtue Education Program

Faith Rally

Religion

- Develop understanding of God and His personal love for each child
- Develop and practice a prayer life
- Exposure to the Sacred Scriptures as the living Word of God
- Introduction to liturgical practices, sacred vessels, and devotions

Language Arts

- ECAW – Every Child a Writer systematically moves through genres to develop narrative, creative, historical, and technical writing styles
- Introduce and practice of mechanics of language and writing
- Write a paragraph with a topic sentence and supporting details
- Use graphic organizers to structure a narrative piece
- Identify genre and purpose of text
- Focus on fluency through oral passages; continued decoding skills
- Develop strategies for thorough comprehension
- Supportive interventions for emerging readers

Math

- Develop number sense through number bonds
- Solve three-digit addition and subtraction
- Use bar models to solve word problems
- Read, analyze and interpret graphs
- Introduce multiplication and division in relation to addition and subtraction

Social Studies

- Understand cultural connections, urban and suburban subcultures
- Learn about national and local leaders and their roles
- Discuss economics of jobs and a family wage
- Identify basic world geography

Science & Health

- Introduce the scientific method
- Identify components of the solar system
- Understand general principles of health: hygiene, nutrition, exercise
- Identify and locate major body organs/systems and their functions
- Explore the needs of living things; trace the life cycle of plants and animals

Second Grade Co-Curricular Enrichments

Robotics

SVdP Serves Community Touchpoint

Outdoor Learning Lab

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Second Step Social Emotional Development Program



Third Grade Curriculum

Specials Classes

Art
Computer
Library
Music
Physical Education
Spanish

Highlights

*Sacramental year:
Confirmation and First Holy
Communion at same Mass
in the spring*

Colonial Days

Economics Business Fair

Christmas Concert

Virtue Education Program

Faith Rally

Science- related field trip
opportunity for weather or
science and nature

Eligible for Widget Sports

Basketball
Volleyball
Girls on the Run

Religion

- Deepen understanding of sacramental life
- Deepen exposure to Scriptures as the living Word of God
- Use Scripture for prayer
- Explore the lives of the saints of the Church
- Understand the role of the Church's teaching magisterium

Language Arts

- Novel studies to build skills of inference, moral dilemma, characterization
- Summarize fiction and non fiction
- Small group reading instruction with scaffolded support
- Systematic benchmark checks for grade level skill or above

Writing – Every Child a Writer (ECAW)

- Identify and use correct mechanics and parts of speech
- Frequent practice of organizing information, drafting, writing, and publishing
- Use of cursive handwriting
- Daily writing in small groups

Math

- Continue to build working knowledge of place value, adding, subtracting
- Solve multiplication and division algorithms and word problems
- Explore, create and interpret a variety of graphs
- Engage in real-life measurement activities of standard / nonstandard units

Social Studies

- Explore the culture, economy and faith of the Colonial period
- Examine the three branches of the U.S. Government

Science

- Life cycles of plants
- Design of solar system
- Exploration of properties of Earth's rocks and minerals
- Identify and use tools to measure weather

Third Grade Co-Curricular Enrichments

Robotics

SVdP Serves Community Touchpoint: Dominican Sisters

Outdoor Lab

Second Step Social Emotional Development Program

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)



The Fourth Grade Experience at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School

Fourth Grade Curriculum

Specials Classes

Art
Computer
Library
Music
PE
Spanish

Highlights

Spring Concert

Virtue Education Program

Faith Rally

A Poet's Tea

Field Trip Opportunities

Steffes Scholarship

Eligible for Widget Sports

Basketball
Volleyball
Girls on the Run

Religion

- Deepen relationship with God through prayer
- Understand that heaven is our ultimate home
- Recite the Ten Commandments & understand their significance
- Study the saints as examples of how to love God
- Relate Scripture to their personal lives

Language Arts

- Novel studies
- Analyze fiction and nonfiction text for deeper comprehension
- Ask good questions; make inferences
- Explore textual symbolism, character relationships, and literature connections
- Write opinions, informative/explanatory, and narration pieces.
- Understand and write figurative language
- Differentiated learning through ECAW (Every child a writer)
- Identify the correct usage of grammar

Math

- Understand place value and number sense of whole numbers and decimals
- Multiply and divide with multiple digits.
- Use data and probability
- Solve real world multi step word problems.
- Understand fraction relationships
- Identify angles, lines, area, perimeter, shapes and symmetry

Social Studies

- Name and locate the 50 states and their capitals and the Postal Abbreviations
- Define longitude and latitude
- List the geographic regions of the U.S.
- Identify Colorado state symbols and determine why they were chosen
- Colorado History

Science

- Identify components of ecosystems
- Use the outdoor lab to give hands on experience
- Participate in labs to explore the world around them
- Predict the weather; explore changing earth
- Identify major components of the Respiratory, Circulatory, and Nervous Systems

Fourth Grade Co-Curricular Enrichments

Robotics

SVdP Serves Community Touchpoint: Students with special needs

Outdoor Learning Lab

Second Step Social Emotional Development Program



The Fifth Grade Experience at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School

Fifth Grade Curriculum

Religion

- Deepen relationship with God through prayer and reading Scripture
- Respond to God's love by loving their neighbor
- Deepen understanding of the sacraments as entry point into Christian mystery

Language Arts

- Develop mastery in comprehension strategies
- Use small group daily writing instruction to strengthen writing across genres
- Integrate mechanics of grammar into writing and speech
- Write and present reports
- Participate in Accelerated Reader program

Math

- Show mastery of multiplication and division algorithms
- Practice conversion of fractions and decimals
- Measure distance, weight, time, volume
- Identify and draw polygons, pyramids, prisms
- Construct graphs and interpret data

Social Studies

- Read and interpret maps using academic vocabulary
- Explain the particular economics which led to colonization
- Read excerpts and explain major founding documents of the U.S.
- Analyze cause and effects of various cultures
- Introduce and develop world perspectives; role of Christianity in development

Science

- Describe influence of society on personal health practices
- Explore causes and impacts of various weather events
- Identify and define purpose of individual body organs and systems
- Differentiate kinetic and potential energy
- Introduce Periodic Table of Elements
- Gather accurate data, draw conclusions, represent results

Fifth Grade Co-Curricular Enrichments

Robotics

SVdP Serves Community Touchpoint: at risk students

Outdoor Learning Lab

Second Step Social Emotional Development Program

Specials Classes

Art
Computer
Library
Music
PE
Spanish

Highlights

Mass at Cathedral with
Archbishop and all fifth
grade students from
Catholic Schools

Night of Notables

Class Representation for
Student Council

Lockers

Spring Concert

Eligible for CSAL Sports

Cross Country
Basketball
Volleyball
Baseball
Girls on the Run



The Sixth Grade Experience at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School

Sixth Grade Curriculum

Religion

- Develop prayer through lectio divina and Scripture
- Develop personal preferences in prayer and relationships to saints
- Read and explore the truth of God's merciful love throughout the Old Testament

English

- Express truth and opinion through essays and reports
- Strengthen personal identity and voice through poetry, fiction, personal narratives
- Extend command of rules of spelling and writing mechanics
- Expand comprehension and knowledge of word relationships

Literature

- Analyze plot elements, characters, themes and writer craft for interpreting literature
- Contrast literal and figurative meanings of poetry
- Apply Catholic values in interpreting, responding to and discussing literature
- Develop collaborative skills and communication through small group
- Experience joy of connecting to characters in literature and themes in poetry

Math

- Manipulate integers and rational numbers to problem solve
- Create video tutorials to talk about math processes
- Use logical reasoning to solve ratio, rate, and percentage problems
- Describe, transform, and plot geometric patterns on a coordinate plane
- Solve real world and math problems involving area and volume

Social Studies

- Experience "time travel" to uncover information from past civilizations
- Study cultures of Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Greece, Rome
- Understand the impact of geography on culture and civilization
- Contrast government, religion, social structure, and achievements among ancient civilizations

Science

- Observe, infer, and make predictions to model how scientists obtain and use information
- Measure in SI units.
- Gather, analyze, and interpret data.
- Study the interior and exterior of the Earth and the processes which change, geologic time, energy sources, fresh water and oceans, weather and climate, and astronomy.

Sixth Grade Co-Curricular Enrichments

Robotics (LEGO EV3 Robots)

SVdP Serves Community Touchpoint: Mullen House

Outdoor Learning Lab

Created for Greatness (C4G)

Specials Classes

Art
Computer
Library
Music
PE
Spanish

Highlights

Outdoor Day Retreat

NET Retreat

Fun Food

Trade Fair / Silk Road
Project

1:1 ipad Capability

Geological Points of
Interest Hiking Field Trip

Class Representation for
Student Council

Academic Decathlon
Speech
Lockers

Fall Musical Production

Eligible for CSAL Sports

Cross Country
Flag Football
Basketball
Volleyball
Futsal
Baseball



Seventh Grade Curriculum

Specials Classes

Art
Computer
Library
Music
PE
Spanish

Highlights

Team Building Activity
and Field Trip

1:1 iPad Capability

Dinosaur Ridge Field
Trip

Museum of Nature and
Science Field Trip

Class Representation
for Student Council

Lockers

Math Club

Academic Decathlon

Spring Music Concert

Eligible for CSAL Sports

Cross Country
Flag Football
Basketball
Volleyball
Futsal
Baseball

Religion

- Participate in Mass weekly; adoration and confession monthly
- Develop capacity for different types of prayer
- Study the life of Jesus Christ as presented in the Gospels
- Use Scripture to develop their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Study theology and efficacy of the sacramental life

English

- Use small group instruction to improve writing across genres
- Write a science-based research paper in MLA format
- Expand working vocabulary and study word relationships
- Practice editing and revision skills
- Integrate mechanics of grammar into writing fluently

Literature

- Extend awareness of world cultures and historical perspectives through diverse texts in class and through the Accelerated Reader program
- Analyze plot elements, conflict, characterization, theme, point of view and mood in fiction and in nonfiction texts
- Cite specific textual evidence in response to literature
- Demonstrate respect for various points of view
- Apply Catholic worldview to ideas presented in texts

Math

- Develop understanding and mastery of rational & irrational numbers
- Create video tutorials to communicate and describe mathematical processes
- Evaluate, create, and solve algebraic equations
- Discern relationship between fractions, decimals, and percents
- Identify, describe, and graph linear functions

Social Studies

- Analyze the cause / effects of events in world history
- Discuss and analyze current events

Science

- Observe, infer, predict using scientific inquiry process
- Classify organisms based on characteristics
- Build and use models to analyze living things
- Use microscopes to observe organisms and their parts
- Study cell structure and processes, genetics, natural selection and evolution
- Identify and order six kingdoms of organisms
- Develop 21st century skills: critical thinking, collaboration, communication, creativity

Seventh Grade Co-Curricular Enrichments

Robotics (LEGO EV3 Robots)

SVdP Serves Community Touchpoint: Family Services

Outdoor Learning Lab

Created for Greatness (C4G)



The Eighth Grade Experience at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School

Eighth Grade Curriculum – The Hallmark Year

Specials Classes

Art
Library / Media
Music
PE
Spanish

Religion

- Study nature and history of the Church; explore origins of beliefs
- Apply Catholic view of dignity of the human person to culture/personal life
- Develop understanding of Christian marriage
- Use Scripture to deepen relationship with Jesus Christ
- Develop capacity for a variety of prayer

Highlights

2-night; 3-day retreat in the mountains

English

- Use small group instruction to improve writing
- Integrate mechanics of grammar into writing with fluency
- Write a social studies-based research paper in MLA format
- Expand working vocabulary and study word relationships
- Practice editing and revision skills

NET Retreat

Literature

- Read a variety of genres from modern and classical literature
- Compare and contrast stories and characters
- Analyze and write original poetry
- Analyze plot, conflict, characterization, setting, mood in fiction and nonfiction texts
- Develop preferences in reading through the Accelerated Reader program

Fun Food

Field Trip A Christmas Carol Play

Student Council Officers

Math (Algebra)

- Use small and large group instruction to strengthen algebraic thinking
- Develop skill in solving equations, inequalities, linear functions, systems of equations
- Working knowledge of exponential functions, polynomials
- Apply mathematic thinking to real-world problems
- High School Placement Test Preparation

Unique attire: class sweatshirt and t-shirt

Additional dress down opportunities on C4G days

Social Studies

- Discuss cause and effect in relation to historical events in the United States / world
- Study points of view through exposure to a variety of cultures; develop empathy
- Trace history of the United States from the Civil War through WWII
- Read and discuss current events with application of Catholic worldview

Chastity Rally

School Store

Science

- Observe, infer, predict, conduct experiments
- Draw conclusions from scientific investigation
- Explore variety of topics in chemistry and physics
- Develop 21 Century Skills: Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity
- Complete STEM projects including building a marble roller coaster

Volunteer In-School Opportunities

Student ambassadors for new parent tours

Lenten Passion Play

Cotillion / Graduation

Eligible for CSAL Sports

Cross Country
Flag Football
Basketball
Volleyball
Futsal

Eighth Grade Co-Curricular Enrichments

Robotics (LEGO EV3 Robots)

SVdP Serves Community Touchpoint: Those experiencing poverty

Outdoor Learning Lab

Created for Greatness (C4G)