

Saint Therese Classical Academy and Learning Center  
Primary Elementary Curriculum  
Grades 1-2

## Mathematics

**Course:** Arithmetic

**Main Texts:** *Life of Fred and Lepanto Mathematics Levels 1, 2, or 3*

**Description:** In mathematics each skill must be mastered before moving on to the next. Students will learn addition and subtraction of whole numbers, solving for the unknown, telling time, measurement, basic fractions, skip counting, basic geometry and will read, write and interpret word problems. Each math concept will be taught hands-on using the Montessori math materials and Math-U-See manipulatives.

## Literature and Grammar

**Course:** Literature

**Main Texts:** *Little Angel Readers Levels A – D (text and workbook)* and *Vintage Tales (Memoria Press)*

**Description:** Children will be exposed to high quality, beautiful children’s literature which will motivate and encourage active discussion while developing listening and comprehension. The introduction of new vocabulary and sentence structures will improve reading and inspire writing. Each book involves a cross-curricular study of history where we will discuss the author, the setting and make comparisons of our world to theirs.

**Course:** Grammar and Spelling

**Main Texts:** *Seton English and Seton Phonics I and II Year and Traditional Catholic Speller and Workbook 1 - 2*

**Description:** Basic rules of grammar and spelling will be introduced, memorized and recited each lesson. These will be applied through the creation of new sentences, short stories and copy work. Students will be test for spelling with weekly quizzes and spelling bees.

**Supplements:** Montessori language arts materials, grammar recitation book and common core spelling lists.

# Science

**Course:** Science

**Main Texts:** *Variety of Montessori Science Materials and Activities from LifePac Science*

**Description:** This will be a teacher created hands-on life science program allows the child to connect with all of God's creation. Beginning with their own bodies, students learn quickly that we are a collection of parts and those parts serve a purpose. Student will perform experiments, journal results and observations and learn extensive vocabulary while discovering our world.

*Nature Stories for Young Readers*, brings children close to God's creatures in a delightful way, while strengthening reading and comprehension. In *Sea-Side and Way-Side* we will meet crabs, wasps and bees as they tell us about their anatomy, their habitat, their work and their babies.

# Religion

**Course:** Religion – First Communion Preparation and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**Main Texts:** *Faith and Life* – Student Book/ Activity Book (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), *St. Joseph's Baltimore Catechism First Communion* and *Leading Little Ones to Mary*

**Description:** These are beautiful years in faith formation. Students are rediscovering the Jesus they once knew, rekindling that heavenly bond that we have been separated from at birth. Children in the primary grades still look at life with awe and wonder and are so receptive to the teachings of our faith, especially the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Texts have been chosen to nurture as they learn about the parts of the Mass, Jesus, our Blessed Mother, the Saints and the Sacraments of Baptism, Confession and Communion. Our best form of preparation is our daily attendance of Mass. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program will provide the children with a simplistic, hands-on way to appreciate the beauty of our faith and deepen their connection with Jesus.

# Social Studies:

**Course:** Wonders of the World Grades 1-2

**Main Texts:** Nancy Nicholson, *What Can You Do? Wonders of the World* (Dover Publications), *Around the World* (Dover Publications) and *Map Skills A or B* (Continental Press)

**Description:** Students spend the first half of the year discovering the immediate world around them. Using Nancy Nicholson's keepsake journal, we will begin by looking at ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, while learning the Corporal Works of Mercy. Students will learn that they are never too small for charity. That concept will continue with the study of our country and our freedoms growing into the study of the world.

## List of Texts

- (2000) Our Lady of Victory School, *MLepanto Mathematics Level 1 – 3 Workbook*
- (2012) Therese A. Johnson, *Vintage Tales Reading Comprehension*, Catholic Heritage Curricula
- (1945) Marjorie Torrey, *Artie and the Princess*, Catholic Heritage Curricula
- (1911) Henriette Delamare, *the Little Apostle on Crutches*, Catholic Heritage Curricula
- (1957) Caryll Houslander, *Catholic Tales for Boys and Girls*, Catholic Heritage Curricula
- (1938) Richard and Florence Atwater, *Mr. Poppers Penguins*, Open Road Media
- (1954) Alice Dalgliesh, *the Courage of Sarah Noble*, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing
- (1932) Laura Ingalls Wilder, *Little House in the Big Woods*  
Lepanto Press, *Traditional Catholic Speller 1 – 2*, Our Lady of Victory
- Julia McNair Wright, *Nature Stories for Young Readers*, Lepanto Press
- (2010) Nancy Nicholson, *What Do You Like to Do...*, Catholic Heritage Curricula
- (2003) A.G. Smith, *Wonders of the World*, Dover Publications
- (2005) Winky Adam, *Around the World*, Dover Publications
- Jesus Our Life, Grade 2<sup>nd</sup>*, Faith and Life Series, Ignatius Press
- Bennet Kelley, *the New Saint Joseph First Communion Catechism*
- (2010) Nancy Nicholson, *What Do You Like to Do...*, Catholic Heritage Curricula
- (2003) A.G. Smith, *Wonders of the World*, Dover Publications
- (2005) Winky Adam, *Around the World*, Dover Publications
- Nancy M. Lidder, *Map Skill B – Student Workbook*, Continental Press
- S.S.N.D. Sister Mary Lelia, *Leading the Little Ones to Mary*, Montfort Publications