St. Augustine

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Fourth Grade Curriculum Summary

St. Augustine School's curriculum is based upon the Archdiocese of Detroit standards and our mission of educating students in body, mind, and spirit.

Religion

- Students will understand safe boundaries, unsafe behaviors, and healthy relationships using Empowering God's Children.
- Students will be able to answer questions on what it means to be human, male or female, how to live as a gift to others, and what it means to have heaven as their ultimate destination. These concepts are taught through story lines and story book characters from good literature.
- Students will apply the Beatitudes to everyday life.
- Students will learn to apply Corporal Works of Mercy and Spiritual Works of Mercy to their lives in classrooms, families, and neighborhoods.
- Students will grow in their relationship with Jesus through prayer, adoration, Mass, scripture, and the sacraments.
- Students will plan and host Mass on School Mass and Holy Days.

Language Arts

Reading

- Students will apply reading strategies while reading fiction and nonfiction texts.
- Students will learn to listen to others and participate in group discussions about their reading.
- Students will determine the main ideas and theme of a story.
- Students will be able to identify text features.
- comprehend figurative language in stories.

Grammar

- Students will be able to identify and use different parts of speech including: nouns, verbs, adjectives, pronouns, adverbs, and prepositions.
- Students will use proper sentence structure.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of language usage.

Spelling/Vocabulary

- Students will use spelling patterns which carry over into their daily writing.
- Students will work with synonyms/antonyms, word associations and correct usage of words in context.

Handwriting

• Students will use legible cursive writing across content areas.

Writing

- Students will use the Writing Process.
- Students will compose opinion and persuasive pieces, personal and imaginative narratives, informative and explanatory text, compare and contrast pieces, and personal prayers.

Math

- Students will be able to multiply 4 digit by 1 digit and 2 digit by 2 digit numbers.
- Students will be able to divide a 4 digit dividend by a 1-digit divisor.
- Students will be able to convert different measurement units using US Customary and Metric Systems.
- Students will be able to draw and measure angles.
- Students will be able to classify and draw shapes by their properties of lines and angles.
- Students will be able to recognize and draw symmetric shapes.
- Students will be able to solve perimeter and area problems.
- Students will be able to convert and compare fractions and decimals.
- Students will be able to recognize equivalent fractions.
- Students will be able to build and decompose fractions.
- Students will be able to multiply a fraction by a whole number.
- Students will be able to reduce fractions to simplest terms.
- Students will be able to convert improper fractions and mixed numbers.
- Students will be able to add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimal numbers.
- Students will be able to solve the mean, median, mode, and range for a set of data.
- Students will be able to solve word problems using the four operations.
- Students will be able to find factors and multiples of a given number.

Science

- Students will study energy, waves, Earth's processes, and structure, function, and information processing.
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Social Studies

- Students will study the history and development of regions of the US.
- Students will be able to use and define mapping skills.
- Students will be able to list physical and human characteristics of different regions.
- Students will be able to understand that human activities can shape the earth.
- Students will be able to explain why people created governments.
- Students will be able to explain the US government and citizen roles.
- Students will be able to understand economic activity in a market system.
- Students will be able to identify and analyze public issues.