



St. Augustine Catholic School

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First 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 be able to recite prayers and participate in the celebration of mass each week.
- Students will be able to develop a relationship with Jesus through his teachings.
- Students will understand Catholic morals and their personal identity as a child of God through Theology of the Body stories and activities.
- Students will understand how to protect themselves as one of God's children through Empowering God's Children resources.

Language Arts

- **Reading**
 - Students will be able to recognize the spelling and sound of letters to aid their reading ability. They will be introduced to a variety of genres to broaden their reading spectrum.
 - Students will read as a group, one-on-one with the teacher, with a partner and independently.
- **Phonics**
 - Students will be able to use decoding skills to recognize the relationships between the letters (graphemes) of written language and the individual sounds (phonemes) of spoken language.
 - Students will be able to apply concepts of print, phonological awareness, oral language skills, and phonics to aid them in reading and writing.
- **Writing**
 - Students will be able to identify sentence structure and use this information to form sentences, add details and explanations.
 - Students will learn the writing process and the importance of letter form, punctuation spacing and ensuring the writing makes sense to the reader.

Math

- Students will be able to use math skills on a daily basis. Math skills to be practiced include critical thinking, problem solving, addition, subtraction, time, money, geometry, measurement and fractions are emphasized throughout the Math curriculum.
- Students will be exposed to key terms and operational symbols in Math.

Science

- Students will be able to learn about the world around them by exploring and investigating key concepts such as living/non-living, plants, animals, habitats, Earth's features (ex. land & water), weather and seasonal changes.
- Students will participate in hands-on investigations and experiments that will lead them to understand the world that God has created. They will also come to understand that the Earth's natural resources must be conserved by reducing, reusing and recycling.
- Students will participate in Mystery Science inquiry activities to understand and learn more about different science concepts.

Social Studies

- Students will be able to comprehend the world around them through learning about geography, community, people, traditions and social skills.
- Students will learn the similarities and differences between people who lived long ago and how people live today.
- Students will comprehend the role of our government and their own roles within the family and community. They will also understand our state and country through holidays, symbols and special Americans.
- Students will participate in Scholastic News activities to engage them in non-fiction learning.