

SOCIAL STUDIES

Kindergarten students will develop an awareness of the world around them. The focus will be:

- our country
- families
- fire safety
- dental health
- Transportation needs through goods and services
- holiday celebrations

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Kindergarten students will explore factors that will affect healthy lifestyles.

Students will:

- maintain personal fitness
- demonstrate gross motor skills
- participate in cooperative group games

ART

Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to express themselves in various forms.

MUSIC

Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to participate in music activities and to develop an appreciation for music.

Students will:

- sing in groups
- identify musical notes and rhythmic patterns
- distinguish various types of musical instruments and elements

REPORTING

Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled in early November, but can be requested at any time.

Students will receive a report card at each of the four marking periods.

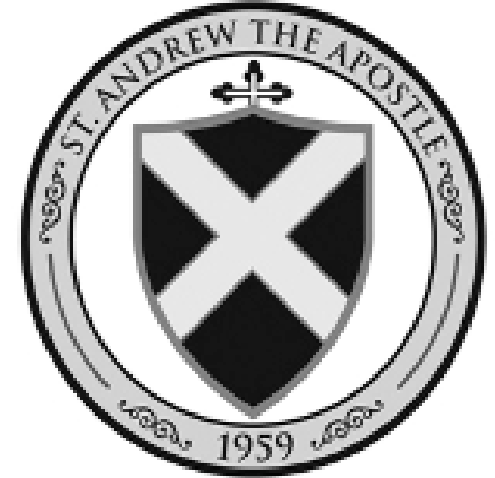
HOMEWORK

Kindergarten students will be assigned homework as needed for practice and reinforcement as well as for the completion of special projects.

PARENTS CAN HELP BY:

- modeling active participation in weekly liturgy, daily prayer and service
- showing an interest in homework and school activities
- providing a quiet place and sufficient uninterrupted time to do school work
- encouraging good nutrition, rest and exercise
- staying in touch with the school

This curriculum guide provides a glimpse of goals and activities. For more comprehensive information, please contact your child's teacher or the school principal at:
815-886-5953 ext. 420



FAITH, FAMILY & EDUCATION

Curriculum Guide

Kindergarten

AT ST. ANDREW SCHOOL, ALL STUDENTS
RECEIVE A QUALITY EDUCATION, IN A
CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT SURROUNDED BY
CARING PEOPLE.

RELIGION

Kindergarten students will learn through stories, activities and reflection about their Catholic faith.

The focus is on:

- God loves us
- Prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace and Glory Be
- Signs of the Cross

LANGUAGE ARTS/READING

The Language Arts Program includes reading, writing, speaking, listening and the study of literature. The components of the program emphasize the development of those skills that allow students to read with fluency, comprehend and interpret written materials, communicate well, and listen and speak effectively. The skills acquired and understood are applied and reinforced in all content areas. Kindergarten students will be exposed to poetry, folktales nonfiction, and fiction. Skills to be mastered are:

- link spoken and written language
- main ideas and characters
- sequence of events
- predict outcome
- distinguish reality vs. fantasy
- use context clues
- learn high frequency words
- concepts of print

WRITING

Students will write:

- capital and lower case letters
- spell phonetically
- high frequency words
- 2—3 word sentences
- periods at the end of their sentences

LISTENING/SPEAKING

Kindergarten students will listen for understanding, follow directions and respond appropriately to the speaker. Students will use acquired language and vocabulary to express opinions.

They will:

- present material orally
- participate in discussions
- retell stories

TECHNOLOGY & REFERENCE SKILLS

Kindergarten students will study, retain and use information from a variety of sources.

Students will:

- use software and CD ROMs for drill and practice
- recognize basic computer components
- produce simple personal products
- students can launch programs using a mouse
- students can login a computer on a network
- students can draw shapes
- students can create lowercase and capital letters
- students can successfully click on hyperlinks

MATHEMATICS

Kindergarten students will acquire knowledge of math and the ability to use hands on math skills to solve problems.

Students will:

- count and recognize numbers from 0—100
- recognize shapes and describe characteristics
- create patterns
- sort and classify objects
- chart and graph data
- measure length and width
- estimate
- weigh
- recognize coins
- tell time on the hour
- add and subtract with use of manipulatives

SCIENCE

Kindergarten students will use hands-on experiences to understand the world around them. They will learn through observing, predicting, questioning and explaining.

Students will study:

- plants
- animals
- earth science and weather
- things that go
- our 5 senses
- recycling