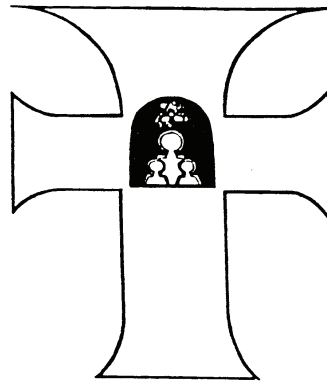


Noonan Elementary Academy



Fifth Grade Curriculum

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and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

*We are committed to excellence
in spiritual formation and academics.*

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Academic Program



Religion /Scripture

The religion program focuses on spiritual formation. The primary text is Faith and Life, published by Ignatius Press. It is a comprehensive Catholic program that combines beautiful classical and original art work with a solid doctrinal and scriptural presentation. These texts according to Bishop Thomas Muldoon are unsurpassed in lucidity of doctrine, in fidelity to God's revelations, and in stimulation of real interest and love for the Faith.

Credo: I Believe, published by Ignatius Press

Aim

To help fifth grade students acquire a solid and specific knowledge of God and his Church through an understanding of the Creed we profess, and to distinguish the truths of our Faith from error that leads away from the love of God.

Theme

A thorough study of the articles of the Creed as the basic beliefs of our Catholic faith, with a special emphasis on careful understanding of definitions through the words of the Gospel, the prophets, and the prayers of the Church.

Sequence

Unit 1: God, the Father of All. The Old Testament and mankind's participation in the loss of God's life.

Unit 2: God, the Son, the Redeemer. The fulfillment of God's plan in Christ, God and Man.

Unit 3: God, the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier. Our call to holiness and witness in the Church.

Reading/Language Arts

This research based program builds on students substantial knowledge by challenging them with:

- † Making connections as they read literary, science, and social studies selections.

- † Extending and refining comprehension , writing, and research skills.

- † Exploring more sophisticated learning across the curriculum.

Open Court Collections for Young Scholars, transcends traditional reading programs.

Features of this series:

- † Award winning fiction and non-fiction selections from renowned writers and illustrators.

- † Science and social studies themes.

- † A moral or virtue in every story.

- † Systematic instruction; organized in unit themes around engaging concepts.

- † Phonics, comprehension, and writing built into every lesson.

Selections include:

Poetry

Fiction

Riddles

Character Tales

Folktales
Nonfiction

Plays
Art

Reading/Language Arts continued...

This series stresses all the traditional reading skills that develop fluent readers. It then goes beyond the mechanics of reading, and stretches the mind and imagination of the reader. The goal of the series is to develop critical, independent readers.

Supplemental Readers

- † American Cardinal Readers
- † Bennets Book of Virtues for Young Children
- † The Bible, Matthews Gospel

Writing

Legible handwriting will be developed through daily practice.

Creative Writing

The Loyola Press series, Voyages in English, incorporates listening, speaking, and writing as an integrated whole. Students will learn to:

- † Use similes
- † Use alliteration
- † Write business letters
- † Write complaint letters
- † Outline
- † Write narratives
- † Write descriptively
- † Express feelings and ideas
- † Listen and recall information

English

A firm grasp of the structure and use of language is critical to successfully harnessing the power of the written word. Mastery of proper

English continued

grammar, usage, and mechanics is the goal of the comprehensive grammar program in Voyages in English, published by Loyola Press. The exercises in the English workbook provide the added reinforcement students need. Fifth graders will be able to:

- † Identify compound personal-intensive pronouns
- † Identify compound personal-reflexive pronouns
- † Identify nominative and objective case
- † Use comparative and superlative adjectives
- † Identify irregular adverbs
- † Identify adjectival and adverbial prepositional phrases
- † Recognize and define conjunctions and interjections

Spelling

Students learn spelling rules, patterns, and high frequency words in a structured spelling program by Scott Foresman called Everyday Spelling. Students are also be required to spell correctly in all written assignments. Dictionary skills are reinforced.

Vocabulary

The Academy's vocabulary program provides an engaging, systematic approach to new words. Students will:

- † Enjoy learning new words
- † Use the richer vocabulary in everyday speech
- † Incorporate new vocabulary in writing assignments

Analogies

Students are taught to think analytically as they solve a variety of analogies. The program that began in the first grade gets progressively more difficult. The students are taught to solve the analogy by looking for:

Analogies continued

- † Similarities
- † Comparisons
- † Categories
- † Causal relationships

Math

Saxon's math series uses incremental development and continual review to insure mastery learning. Genuine learning is demonstrated not only through the understanding of a concept, but also through the ability to apply that concept to new situations. Fifth grade students will cover and/or develop:

- † Fraction activities (manipulative-based)
- † Math enrichment problems
- † Independent learning skills
- † Collect and analyze data
- † Area, perimeter, volume, and measurement
- † Ratio, percent, and probability
- † Two digit multiplication and division
- † Classification of polygons

Science

The Scott Foresman Series provides a blend of concepts, inquiry, and hands-on content. Students are exposed to the process skills needed to form and test hypothesis. The units taught are:

Life Science

- † Structure and function of cells
- † Cell reproduction
- † Changing and adapting

Science continued

Physical Science

- † Heat and matter
- † Changes in matter
- † Moving objects
- † Light, color, and sound

Earth Science

- † Technology and weather
- † Earth processes
- † Exploring the universe
- † Resources and conservation

Human Body

- † Nervous system

Social Studies

Houghton-Mifflin prepares students for informed participation in tomorrow's America. This comprehensive social studies program presents a mixture of history, geography, economics, citizenship, and culture. The fifth grade text, A Message of Ancient Days, explores themes that focus on:

- † The world past and present
- † The earliest people
- † Early Middle Eastern and North African civilizations
- † Rome: A World Power

Geography

A comprehensive map skills program from National Geographic called, Map Essentials, covers map skills. Concepts covered in fifth grade are:

- † Population density map

Geography continued

- † Transportation maps
- † Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn
- † Historical maps
- † Inset maps
- † Artic and Antarctic Circles

Health

Students will develop an understanding of personal health and safety issues such as:

- † Good eating habits
- † Proper rest and exercise
- † Good hygiene
- † Personal cleanliness
- † Seat belt use
- † Safe use of medication

Library/Computers

These skills are introduced in the library/media center and computer lab for integration into the curriculum. Children learn how to research and process information.

Specials

Physical Education

Fifth grade students will continue to develop muscle strength, cardio-respiratory endurance and flexibility as they learn to coordinate their motor skills. Learning to follow the rules of sports, teamwork, and good sportsmanship occur as they participate in games and activities.

Art

Students will explore many of the more sophisticated art media and techniques. They will:

- † Explore new artistic experiences
- † Experiment with form and style
- † Use elements of art to express their ideas

Music

Students will:

- † Understand that different cultures express themselves through their music
- † Be able to creatively express themselves through music
- † Interpret music in movement

Spanish

Elementary Spanish is an award-winning program for grades 1-8 from Northern Arizona University. The curriculum is organized by thematic units. The program uses songs, games, natural conversation, and role-playing to create a fun, non-threatening environment.

Latin

Latin is as vital to vocabulary development as phonics is to reading.

Fifty percent of all English words have their roots in Latin. Exposure to this classical language teaches order in the English language and provides order for all facets of life. The text for this course is Matin Latin published Mars Hill.

General Information

Report Cards/Progress Reports

Students will receive a report card at the end of each ten-week marking period. Students in need of academic assistance will receive a progress report at the end of the five-week point or half way through the marking period.

Parent Conferences

Parent conferences are scheduled for late October. However, parents may schedule a separate conference at anytime.

Homework

For children to achieve mastery, reinforcement is absolutely necessary. Homework is assigned, as needed, for practice and special projects. Expect to give some assistance. Help your child succeed by:

- † Providing a quiet area for study
- † Discourage, or prohibit, T.V. on school nights
- † Provide nutritious meals and plenty of exercise

