

St. Valentine School Curriculum

Highlights Grade K

Social & Emotional & Work habits for students in Kindergarten:

- Complete assignments in a timely manner
- Work independently
- Displays confidence
- Advocates and expresses needs
- Demonstrates 15-20 minute attention span
- Exhibits listening skills
- Plays well with others
- Participates in a variety of experiences
- Organizes materials and belongings
- Use time productively
- Talks in front of a large group
- Follow directions
- Be responsible for their own actions

Parents can help their children by:

- Reading to and with your child daily
- Daily reinforcement of reading and math lessons
- Returning necessary notes, books and assignments
- Keeping your child's school supplies replenished

*Parents will find an update on the school website classroom page each week outlining specific curriculum points that will be addressed throughout that week.

RELIGION

Students in Grade K will learn:

- Sign of the Cross
- Genuflect
- Hail Mary prayer
- Our Father prayer
- Baptism
- Meal Blessing
- Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
- Bible stories
- How to participate at Mass
- Lent
- Advent
- School wide Faith Formation topics which follow a four year cycle of:
 - The Mass
 - The Saints
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament

READING/LITERATURE

(*music and exercise are used here)

In Grade K, students will learn to:

- Recognize:
 - Upper case letters
 - Lower case letters
- Rhyme
- Short vowels
- Alphabetical order
- Word families
- Compare and contrast
- Predict outcomes
- Identify
- Consonant sounds
- Vowel sounds
- Sight words
- Initial consonants
- Final consonants
- Blending words
- Read simple sentences
- Comprehends:
 - Story sequence
 - Story main idea
 - Recalls story detail

WRITING & HANDWRITING

In Grade K, students will:

- Trace
- Grasp pencil
- Color within the lines
- Print:
 - Upper case letters
 - Lower case letters
 - Numerals
 - Sentences
- Full name using upper and lower case letters
- Journal:
 - Representative drawing
 - Write independently
 - Write legibly with good spacing
 - Phonemic spelling

ENGLISH

In Grade K, students will learn about:

- Capitalization
- Sentences end with a period, question mark, or exclamation mark

MATHEMATICS

(*music and exercise are used here)

In Grade K, students will:

- Recognize shapes
- Identify colors
- Reads colors
- Recites Days of the week
- Recites Months
- Understands sets 1-20
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Recognizes numerals 0-50
- Rote counting 0-200
- Count by 2's to 50, 5's to 100, and 10's to 100
- Count backwards 20-1
- Recognize patterns
- Create patterns
- Extend patterns
- Sort by:
- Size
- Shape
- Color
- Use
- Concept of money (penny, nickel, dime and quarter)
- Time (hour and half hour)
- Measurement
- Calendar

SOCIAL STUDIES

In Grade K, students will learn about:

- United States of America
- School
- Citizenship
- Community
- Workers
- Earth/resources
- Our world

SCIENCE

The areas to be studied in Grade K, will be:

- Life Science
- Plants
- Animals
- Habitats
- Physical Science
- Magnets
- Earth Science
- Earth
- Weather
- Sky
- Human Body
- Senses
- Growing and changing
- Taking care of your health

HEALTH

In Grade K, students will learn about:

- Helping relationships
- Exploring safety issues
- Prevention of illnesses
- Eating choices and behaviors

LIBRARY

Students will learn about:

- Listen to stories
- Read for enjoyment
- Build on basic library skills
- Learn about book care
- Participate in special reading events

SPANISH

Students will learn the Spanish language and culture through activities including, but not limited to, reading, writing, speaking, listening, and singing.

Kindergarten- Students will begin to build their foundation of knowledge of the Spanish language and culture through various activities such as reading, writing, listening, speaking, and singing.

- Colors
- Numbers 1-31
- Days of the week
- Months of the year
- Holidays
- Food
- Common greetings and closings

- Questions
- Feelings
- Family
- Clothing
- Weather
- Animals
- Body
- Characteristics

Grade K students will have classes in Art, Physical Education, Computer, and Vocal Music once each week, and Spanish twice each week. Half day K students will have Spanish once each week. Kindergarten will participate in 2-4 field trips throughout the year.