

Music

Learner Objectives & Curriculum Overview:

- Sing a song using loud & soft dynamics
- Move in response to a song to show steady beat & rhythm
- Read rhythm patterns with quarter notes, eighth notes and rests
- Move to show call and response form in an African American spiritual
- Listen to recognize high & low pitches
- Read so, mi and la on the staff
- Play ostinatos using body percussion
- Learn more about holidays in song
- Describe thick & thin musical textures
- Begin improvising simple harmonies to go along with church music & jazz
- Use handbells & xylophones to accompany simple melodies
- Prepare to sing songs for Mass

Physical Education

Learner Objectives & Curriculum Overview:

- Designed to increase dexterity, promote greater strength and enhance sense of well-being and confidence
- Learn rules of contests and reasons behind same
- Practice Christian sportsmanship
- Learn basic fundamentals of unit or sport prior to actively participating
- Understand the necessity of firm but fair discipline in all activities
- Learn the value of treating teammates & opponents with dignity & respect
- Participate in numerous games and activities

Technology

Learner Objectives & Curriculum Overview:

- Technology operations, concepts and productivity tools
- Communication, collaboration and creativity
- Technology problem-solving and decision-making tools

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The purpose of this brochure is to provide a general overview of the curriculum offered to students at STM Catholic School. Please contact the school for more detailed information.



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Curriculum Overview for SECOND GRADE

St. Thomas More Catholic School provides a rigorous academic program, with concentration on the core curriculum of math, language arts, social studies, science and religion. In addition, we offer a well-rounded program of music, arts, physical education, library and technology.

Faith † Excellence † Virtue † Charity

Language Arts

Learner Objectives & Curriculum Overview:

Reading:

- Fluency and expression
- Building vocabulary
- Phonetic cues/structural analysis
- Independent reading

Phonics:

- Vowel patterns and diphthongs
- Consonant blends/digraphs
- Contractions
- Inflection endings
- Prefixes/suffixes
- Synonym/antonym/homonym

Comprehension:

- Main Idea
- Supporting details
- Sequence of events
- Cause and effect
- Reality and fantasy

Writing:

- Writing short stories, verse and informational pieces
- Knowledge of writing process: pre-writing, draft, revise, edit and publish
- Produce written material that demonstrates self-correction of spelling, capitals, punctuation and writing in complete sentences
- Using legible D'Nealian penmanship

Grammar:

- Mechanics
- Parts of Speech
- Correct use of the English Language
- Listening Comprehension

Science

Learner Objectives & Curriculum Overview:

- Grouping plants and animals
- Habitats
- Earth science
- Physical science
- The solar system
- Write a science research project
- Human body and nutrition
- Hands-on Labs



Social Studies

Learner Objectives & Curriculum Overview:

- Communities and leadership
- Continents and map skills
- Environment, natural resources, landforms
- Cultures, immigration, ancestors, timelines
- Beginning Economics
- American History: Native Americans, colonization and American Heroes
- Beginning Civics
- Writing a Social Studies report

Religion

Learner Objectives & Curriculum Overview:

- The Bible
- The Holy Trinity
- The Mission of Jesus
- The Church Community
- Parts of the Mass
- Ten Commandments
- Sacraments
- Support for 1st Reconciliation
- Saints
- Rosary

- Prayers: Act of Contrition, Apostle's Creed,
- Hail, Holy Queen
- Children's Charity
- Called to Protect
- Virtues in Practice

Math

Learner Objectives & Curriculum Overview:

- Addition/subtraction up to 1,000
- Multiplication tables of 2, 3, 4, 5 & 10
- Introduction to division
- Metric measurements and customary measurements
- Mass/Volume
- Mental Math and Estimation
- Money
- Fractions
- Time
- Picture Graphs
- Lines and Surfaces
- Shapes and Patterns
- Mathematical Reasoning & Problem Solving
- Memorize Addition & Subtraction facts to 20

Art

Learner Objectives & Curriculum Overview:

- Identify and value the thoughts, beliefs and expressions of others by talking about others' artwork
- Build life skills by: working on teams, problem solving, implementing projects, planning, working independently, and developing creativity
- Express a preference when analyzing various works of art
- Create and describe art that expresses themes in the Catholic faith
- Identify and explore the history of art
- Learn the basic Elements of art and Principles of design
- Explore and identify various media including collage, drawing, painting, and weaving