

Kindergarten

St. Peter kindergarteners are given the opportunity to be the leaders and role models for our younger children. With countless opportunities to “delight in discovery,” kindergartners are passionate about each day as a St. Peter School student. Through writing personal journals, playing letter and word games, and sharing literature in large and small groups, this language-rich environment provides the foundations for early reading. Through the multi-sensory *Superkids Reading Program*, children connect with their favorite Superkid. Children’s interest in the world around them guides classroom instruction and inquiry-based learning experiences. Through the series, My Math, students learn the relationships between numbers and how to solve problems using a variety of math skills. Highlights for our precious kindergarteners are Little Lambs Advent Program, 100th Day of School activities, Superkids Day and Kindergarten Graduation.

Religion

- Prayers: Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, Hail Mary, Our Father, Prayer to St. Michael, Daily Rosary, Fatima Prayer, O My Jesus Prayer and the Blessing before meals.
- Introduce concept of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus shows us God’s love through His earthly ministry.
- We belong to our Church Family. Introduction to the Mass, special leaders of our Church, the Sacraments.
- We learn God’s Rules.
- We explore important events and celebrations observed throughout the Liturgical Year; mainly, all Saints’ Day, Advent, Lent, Easter and Pentecost.

English Language Arts

- Identifies and writes upper and lower case letters of the alphabet
- Utilizes phonemic awareness and phonics as a beginning step of reading
- Encodes and decodes words
- Learns what good readers do (e.g., letter sounds, language patterns, picture clues)
- Includes beginning, middle, and ending sounds in writing
- Keeps a journal to record thoughts and ideas
- Begins to develop spatial awareness in handwriting (keeping letters on a line, using space between words)
- Reads color, number, and basic sight words
- Writes first and last name

Social Studies

- Explores characteristics of a global community
- Compares experiences and celebrates traditions of children and families within own community and around the world
- Develops respect for the rights of self and others

Character Education/ Personal

- Continues to implement self-control
- Follows St. Peter R.O.C.K. Expectations
- Develops independence and responsibility
- Explores values through literature
- Is given opportunities to develop dependability, responsibility, pride and reliability through problem solving experiences

Math

- Recognizes and counts to 100 and writes numbers to 20
- Estimates, adds, and subtracts using concrete objects
- Begins to develop a measurement vocabulary (height, weight, temperature)
- Explores standard and non-standard units of measurement
- Applies math terms to problem solving

Science

- Observes using all five senses
- Is introduced to life cycles of animals and plants
- Learns about maintaining a healthy body and a healthy world
- Investigates physical world such as different forms of matter and changes in light and shadow
- Observes changes of weather and seasons
- Ask questions that can be answered through scientific knowledge
- Use measurements to compare objects and illustrate through graphs, charts and tables

Cooperative Learning

- Experiences working in pairs or small groups
- Begins to develop good sportsmanship
- Develops listening and oral communication skills and responds appropriately
- Is guided to appreciate others

Technology

- Understands how to utilize computers and touch screens
- Learns how to utilize educational games and websites

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