



ST. EDWARD SCHOOL

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

St. Edward School is dedicated to the education of the total child. We strive to provide for the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, physical, cultural and social development of the student.

The core curriculum is composed of Catholic religion, reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science and physical education. Enrichment classes include music, art and library. Speech & Hearing and Title I are provided through federal funding via the Iberia Parish School.

For students in kindergarten through 3rd grade, standardized tests occur three times a year, beginning/middle/end, using DIBELS. St. Edward 3rd graders are additionally tested each Spring using the ACT Aspire, which focuses on English, mathematics, reading and science.

PK3 PROGRAM

PK3 is a fully integrated program where students are in self-contained classrooms. Our PK3 program motivates students to become the best people they can be and teaches that learning is fun. Daily lessons expose students to Catholic spirituality, character and solid learning habits.

Skills students covered during the year are:

- Respect and love for all people
- Sharing, cooperation and manners
- Color, shape, letter and number recognition 1-10
- Social, emotional and language development
- Large and small motor skills, one-to-one correspondence
- Problem solving & estimation
- Individual responsibility
- Working with others
- Public speaking in front of their peers

PK4 THROUGH 3RD GRADE

RELIGION

All students receive daily religious instruction.

PK4 students are introduced to the Catholic community's life and faith through the preschool program, *Stories of God's Love*.

Kindergarten through 3rd graders continue to strengthen their understanding of the Catholic Faith through the *We Believe Catholic Identity* series published by Sadlier. This series integrates liturgy and catechesis through culturally rich and diverse prayer experiences, celebrations, and special lessons on the liturgical year and seasons. The content is age appropriate.

READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS

PK4 begin their path to reading success through the *Happily Ever After* series, which gives students the foundation to begin reading instruction with the Superkids Reading Program. PK4 students develop language and vocabulary, fine motor skills, direction-following skills, listening skills, print and book awareness, letter recognition, visual development, auditory discrimination, phonological and phonemic awareness, and processing skills.

Kindergarten through 2nd graders continue their journey in reading with the Superkids Reading Program, which was created specifically for those three grade levels. It is a unique, one-of-a-kind reading curriculum that teaches how to read and write with explicit, systematic-based phonics instruction. It focuses on all aspects of reading including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Superkids integrates all areas of language arts, including grammar and mechanics, oral and written expression, spelling, and handwriting.

3rd grade students are taught reading using Pearson's Reading Street. This program supports reading, writing, and language development. It promotes the foundational skills needed for reading and comprehending more complex texts. Weekly units are built around science and social studies concepts that connect to every piece of literature, vocabulary and writing. Reading Street also integrates language arts.

MATHEMATICS

PK4 activities in math are necessary to starting students on a successful path to using mathematics productively in everyday life. In numbers and number relations, PK4 students develop a solid understanding of numbers to 10. Students also compare sets of objects to learn "more/less" concepts, as well as learning shapes for geometric activities. The goal of math in PK4 is to begin a basic foundation for later work in the upper grades.

Kindergarten through 3rd graders explore and master concepts in mathematics through the GO Math! Mathematics Series. This program develops number sense in students as well as arithmetic and computational skills.

- Kindergarteners reinforce number concepts, formation, and representation 0 through 20, simple addition and subtraction, identifying two and three-dimensional shapes, number sequences, number words, measuring objects and introducing length, height and weights.
- 1st graders build on prior learning of addition, subtraction, measurement, and identifying two and three dimensional shapes. Additionally, they work in these concepts with base ten, begin to compare numbers, extend addition and subtraction to two digit numbers, telling time to the hour and half hour, reading graphs and tally charts, and combining and taking apart two and three dimensional shapes. Word problems are incorporated throughout the year.
- 2nd grade concepts include understanding place value, representing numbers in multiple ways, counting patterns in 100s and 1000s, 2 and 3 digit addition and subtraction, studying money and time, measuring in standard and metric units, and partitioning two and three dimensional shapes into halves, thirds, and fourths. Word problems are incorporated throughout the year.
- 3rd grade concepts include addition and subtraction within 1,000, representing and interpreting data from graphs and charts, multiplication and division of numbers, introducing the commutative and associative properties understanding and comparing fractions, working with time, length, liquid volume, and mass, and studying perimeter and area of shapes. Word problems are incorporated throughout the year.

SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Our **2nd** and **3rd grade** students begin their studies of science and social studies. Each of these are taught as semester courses. Topics include studying how we grow and change, habitats and environments, using the Earth's resources wisely, ecosystems, dinosaurs, the solar system, plants, the water cycle, the weather, food chains, rocks and fossils, landforms and erosion, forces and motion, basic geography skills including map/globe reading and timelines, understanding families Louisiana culture, geography and history, introducing leadership and government entities in our country, state, parish and city, studying native cultures, early American communities, and identifying the U.S. capitals.

ART PROGRAM

Students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade take an art elective once a week in the art classroom. Meet the Masters is the program used to introduce students to a variety of artists, their histories, and styles of artwork. They also create their own art in the styles of these master artists.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Our PK4 through 3rd grade students take a music elective once a week in the music classroom. Students are introduced to a variety of instruments, music styles, basic music theory, and dance, as well as learn basic American Sign Language. The Link Up curriculum through Carnegie Hall is used to teach students about the orchestra and its instruments.