



# 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. SES provides its students with a rigorous curriculum that meets and often exceeds the highest standards in education.

The core curriculum is composed of Catholic religion, reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, and physical education, with an integration of technology in each content area. Enrichment classes include music, art, and library. Speech/Hearing and Title I are provided through federal funding via the Iberia Parish School Board.

Continued evolution of the St. Edward School curriculum, in keeping with best practices, enables us to assure student success. SES continues to research and study educational programs to select those that best meet the needs of our students. By providing a challenging and enriching academic environment, infused with technology, we seek to prepare our students for the many opportunities ahead of them.

### RELIGION

At SES we recognize the importance of living with Christ at our center in our words and actions. In this effort, all students receive daily religious instruction.

**PK3** students are introduced to Bible stories while **PK4** students are introduced to the Catholic community's life and faith through the preschool program, *Bible Letter of the Week*.

**Kindergarten through 3rd** graders continue to strengthen their understanding of the Catholic Faith through the *Christ in Us* 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.

### 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 cover 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 and estimation; individual responsibility; working with others and public speaking in front of their peers.

## PK4 THROUGH 3RD GRADE

### READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS

**PK4** begins 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. Phonemic awareness and literacy is also improved with our tech integration program, *iRead* and by the use of *Accelerated Reader*.

**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. Fluency skills are also strengthened with programs like *Accelerated Reader* and *Amira*.

### 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.

**Kindergarten** students learn 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 and are enriched with interactive lessons using **Mystery Science and myOn by Renaissance**. 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.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**Kindergarten through 3rd** grade students are engaged in physical education classes four days a week. Regular physical education classes prepare kids to be physically and mentally active, fit, and healthy while contributing to each child's total growth and development.

## ELECTIVES

Students participate in elective classes once a week. These enrichment classes and activities help develop lifelong interests in art, library, and music.

## ART

**Kindergarten through 3rd grade** uses **Meet the Masters** 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.

## LIBRARY

Our library curriculum for students in **Kindergarten through 3rd grade** includes **myOn by Renaissance**, supports literacy instruction, helps students learn about books, provides library skills and promotes independent reading.

## MUSIC

Our **PK4 through 3rd** students are introduced to a variety of instruments, music styles, basic music theory, and dance, as well as learn basic American Sign Language. The **Classics for Kids** curriculum from Cincinnati Public Radio is used to teach students about composers, musicians, and instruments.