



St. John the Apostle Catholic School

2012-2013
First Grade

Welcome and thank you for considering our First Grade program for your child. With our dedicated teachers and staff we will make this a positive, loving and nurturing experience for our students and families. The following is some general information and goals in regard to our First Grade.

- In addition to the core curriculum, First Grade also attends the following classes: Foreign Language, Technology, Art, Music and Physical Education.
- All students wear the school uniform (see details in the SJA handbook, posted on our web-site).
- Our students attend Mass every Wednesday. Families are always welcome to attend with us.
- For an additional cost, lunch may be purchased
- Before and after school care is available, please call for pricing and information.

Sampling of our goals for First Grade:

Some of our goals in Language Arts will be:

- Answers questions in complete sentences
- Reads orally with fluency and expression
- Retells a story
- Demonstrates correct formation of all letters
- Writes individual stories and illustrates creative ideas and journals
- Identifies blends, clusters, and digraphs
- Identifies short and long vowels
- Recognizes sight vocabulary and high frequency words
- Identifies main idea
- Alphabetizes words by the first letter
- Identifies characters, setting, plot, main idea, and details

Some of our goals in Religion will be:

- Participate in and recognize various parts of the liturgy
- Recall and recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Glory Be
- Identify one's Church, Pastor, Bishop and Pope
- Recognize the Sacrament of Baptism as a sign of belonging to God's family
- Recognize Eucharist as a sharing of a meal of Thanksgiving
- Revere the Bible as a special book of God and God's people
- Explain the need to care for all God's creation
- Identify the needs of the poor, and recognize the need to help them
- Demonstrate a willingness to be a working member of family, school, parish, and community
- Demonstrates tolerance and respect toward others
- Recognize the term Christians as followers of Jesus
- Recognize that each individual is unique and special and should be treated with love and respect

Some of our goals for Mathematics will be:

- Count by 2's, 5's, and 10's
- Complete sequence of consecutive numbers
- Compare numbers using greater than, less than, equal to
- Identify place value of ones and tens
- Identify even and odd numbers
- Identify value to 99
- Add and subtract money amounts
- Add & subtract two-digit numbers without regrouping
- Mentally recall math facts
- Estimate units of time and money
- Estimate measurements
- Identify money: penny, nickel, dime, quarter
- Tell time to the hour, half hour, digital and analog clocks
- Read calendar: days, weeks, months, date, and year
- Interpret and design line graphs, pictographs, bar graphs, tables, charts

Some of our goals for Social Studies will be:

- Describe how various cultures have contributed to the development of the U.S. such as: Pilgrims, Native Americans, immigrants, and other ethnic groups
- Name the land and water masses of the world
- Identify the continents
- Identify the difference between goods and services

- Describe similarities & differences in family customs, traditions and religions, and the multicultural/multi-ethnic nature of the American people
- Identify symbols and sayings that represent American democracy (American Flag, Pledge of Allegiance, Uncle Sam, etc.)
- Identify national landmarks
- Recognize that America is a democracy
- Identify one's rights and responsibilities as a citizen
- Identify school and community laws
- Demonstrate a respect for the country
- Distinguish between fact and opinion
- Investigate a timeline of historical events

Some of our goals in Science will be:

- Investigate and understand the basic relationship between the sun and the Earth.
- Demonstrate the effects of gravity
- Identify some different physical properties of earth materials
- Identify the basic characteristics and needs of the human body
- Name the five senses and how we use them
- Identify parts of plants and their functions
- Describe the physical properties of solids, liquids, and gases
- Discover that sound is produced by vibrating objects
- Identify and discuss the ways living things affect and are affected by the environment
- Identify ways to preserve and protect our environment
- Identify simple machines and how they help us
- Recognize the beauty of God's creation and describe ways to treat it with respect