



St. Francis of Assisi School
A Place Where Minds and Hearts Grow

Science / Health

The science program at St. Francis School is based on the Discover Works Science. It is a comprehensive program that follows the Archdiocese of Portland Standards for Science very closely. The lessons allow students to explore and discover some basic science principles in exciting and engaging ways.

This science standards focus on living and non-living things. Students will explore the differences and similarities between living and non-living things.

Students are encouraged to ask questions and to find answers to these questions with teacher guidance. Kindergartners will also explore and build structures using different materials. Science in kindergarten is about exploring and discovering the world that we live in.

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Religion

The religion curriculum used at St. Francis is *Blest Are We* by RCL/Benziger. This curriculum fulfills the standards of focusing on the presence of God in everything we do.

Students learn about creation and Jesus' gift of Himself to us. They will learn the basic Catholic prayers of the Hail Mary, the Our Father, and the Gory Be. Students will discover the importance of prayer in their every day life. Kindergartners will explore what it means to live a Christian life through prayer, kindness, and service to others.

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Kindergarten

Social Studies

The social studies program used at St. Francis School is the Houghton Mifflin Social Studies: *My World*. This program follows the Archdiocese of Portland Standards for Social Studies. Students will learn about different cultures and the importance of respecting cultural differences. They will learn about different celebrations and traditions in American society. They will also begin to explore geography and learn about the importance of rules in society.

Math

The math program is based on the Macmillan/McGraw-Hill *Math*. This program closely follows the Archdiocese of Portland Standards for Mathematics. Students learn to represent, compare, and order numbers 0 through 30, describe different shapes, and compare objects by their attributes. These skills are taught through varied hands on activities and games. Kindergartners will work on one-to-one correspondence and start to model simple addition and subtraction situations, such as: "5 frogs are sitting on a log. 2 jumped off. How many frogs are now sitting on the log?" Students will discover different ways to figure out problems like these. Kindergartners will learn basic math skills that lay the foundation for the future.

Language Arts

The literacy program at St. Francis of Assisi consists of two parts: a Reader's Workshop and a Writer's Workshop. The Reader's Workshop uses the Rigby Literacy program. This program uses whole group lessons, guided reading, and phonics to provide students with a well rounded literacy education. The program exposes students to a wide variety of literature that they can explore. Students will learn the alphabet, letter sounds and names. They will also begin to learn many sight words. The Writer's Workshop uses a program called Units of Study for Primary Writing: A Yearlong Curriculum. This writing program encourages students to think, grow, and become writers. Students will explore different forms of writing. They will begin to use a basic structure and phonemic awareness when writing. They will begin to include the sight words they have learned into their writing.

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