

GRADES 4-6

Students in grades four, five and six may be likened to travelers on a journey who have just stepped onto a bridge which links two major points. For your child, these grades serve as a bridge which links the foundation of learning experienced in the primary grades with the challenges of the junior high years, those years which see the mastery of subject matter, the development of effective work and study habits, and the preparation for higher levels of learning.

The goal of the program is to reinforce the basic skills in all subject areas while introducing research, independent thinking and utilization of creative abilities. A much greater emphasis begins to be placed upon higher level thinking skills—critical thinking, analysis, inference, etc. Students are encouraged to hypothesize and to wonder “What if”? They begin to express their opinions about the world around them and are encouraged to support their opinions with facts they have learned.

At the same time, the children are continuing to grow in their faith and to see themselves as special gifts to the world. Through shared prayer, scriptural readings and class discussion, our students gain a better understanding of God’s unconditional love for them, God’s gift of life to us, and our corresponding responsibility to use this gift for the benefit of others. Personal commitment and responsibility are the concepts emphasized during these years.

Through a variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities, our students can develop new talents, learn new skills and build friendships with other children. Truly, these years can and should be rewarding ones for your child.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum offered to fourth, fifth and sixth grade students is a challenging and exciting one. It is designed to provide the child with a firm grounding in the skills of reading, mathematics, language arts, science, and writing. Students are encouraged to express themselves creatively through original stories and poems, group projects and oral presentations.

Proper work and study habits are taught during these years and students are expected to assume responsibility for their learning. Prayer, acts of charity, concern for others and an appreciation for God’s gifts to us are part of the everyday experience of students at these grade levels. The basic beliefs of our Catholic faith are extended into all areas of the curriculum. Moral values find their roots in the Gospel message, which gives meaning to everything.

The following courses are offered to fourth, fifth and sixth grade children:

Religion/Scripture
English
Science
Reading/Spelling
Computer Science
Social Studies
Spanish
Math
Physical Education
Art
Vocal Music
Library
Drug Awareness Resistance Education

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Intramural Sports
Theater Group (grades 5&up)
Liturgical Dance
Chess Club
Concert Band
Glee Club
Scouting
Student Outreach Activities
Art Lessons
Environmental Club
Interscholastic Sports (cheerleading & basketball to certain grades)

