

# GRADES 4-6

Grades 4-6 function as a bridge that transitions your child from the years of early education to the years prior to high school. Academic demands are increased and your child is expected to assume greater responsibility for his or her learning.

The goal of these grades is to reinforce the basic skills in all subject areas while introducing research, independent thinking and utilization of creative abilities. A much greater emphasis is placed on 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 which they have learned.

At the same time, the children are continuing to grow in their faith and to see themselves as unique 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 and their corresponding responsibility to use their gifts for the benefit of others. Personal commitment and responsibility are 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. These years can and should be rewarding ones for your child.

## CURRICULUM

The curriculum offered to fourth, fifth and sixth grade students is challenging and exciting. 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, are part of the everyday experience. The basic beliefs of our Catholic faith are extended to all areas of the curriculum. Moral values find their roots in the Gospel message, which gives meaning to everything.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

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

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Annual Sleepover (grades 5&6 girls)  
Art Lessons  
Arts & Crafts Club (grades 4&5)  
Band Program  
Chess Club  
Environmental Club  
Interscholastic Sports (cheerleading & basketball for grades 5 & up)  
Intramural Sports  
Liturgical Dance  
Newspaper (grade 6)  
Scouting  
Scrabble Club (grades 5-6)  
Stringed Instrument Program  
Student Theater (grades 5 & 6)

