Mathematics

At Good Shepherd our teachers implement the GO Math! Series. It offers interactive components to meet the learning needs of students and help them achieve academic success. In the UPLC our teachers also use supplemental materials to promote hands-on learning that follow the Florida State Standards. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

In 2nd grade students will...

- Estimate lengths using units of inches, feet, yards, centimeters, and meters.
- Tell and write time from analog and digital clocks to the nearest 5 minutes.
- Read and write numbers to 1000 using base-ten numerals, number names, and expanded form.
- Fluently add and subtract within 100 using strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction.
- Solve one-step and two-step word problems involving dollar bills or coins.

In 3rd grade students will...

- Draw a scaled picture graph and bar graph to represent a data set with several categories.
- Explain equivalence of fractions in special cases, and compare fractions by reasoning about their size.
- Use multiplication and division within 100 to solve word problems.
- Tell and write time to the nearest minute and measure time intervals in minutes.
- Measure areas by counting unit squares.

English/ Language Arts

In 2nd grade, the Superkids Reading Program addresses all aspects of reading and literacy. It is built on scientific research and proven pedagogy and combines rigorous instruction with engaging hands on materials. The standards include, but are not limited to, the following:

In 2nd grade students will...

- Identify consonant diagraphs, long and short vowels, r-controlled, vowel diagraphs, and silent letters.
- Write using endings, suffixes, prefixes, contractions, and compound words.
- Decode and encode using phonetic and structural patters.
- Identify parts of speech, synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, similes, and context clues.
- Demonstrate comprehension and fluency skills for reading literary and informational texts.
- Apply writing mechanics, the writing process, and types of writing (narrative, opinion, informative/ explanatory).

In 3rd grade our teachers utilize a variety of resources that include, but are not limited to: Rooted in Reading, book studies, and nonfiction interactive content. They then create lessons that meet the Florida State Standards.
In 3rd grade students will...
- Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.
- Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures.
- Describe characters in a story and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.
- By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry.
- Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

Science/ Social Studies

Based on the Florida State Standards our teachers develop engaging units centered on informational texts whereby students apply their knowledge and understanding to real world experiences. Through the use of Scholastic Magazine and National Geographic for Kids, our students have access to thousands of online primary sources including information texts, videos, maps, and virtual field trips.

In science, Good Shepherd focuses heavily on hands-on learning where students can often be seen actively engaged in the scientific method. Experiments are conducted on a regular basis asking students to predict, explore, and reflect on their findings.

In 2nd grade students will...
- Compare the observations made by different groups using the same tools.
- Measure and compare the volume of liquids using containers of various shapes and sizes.
- Identify objects and materials as solid, liquid, or gas.
- Collect and manipulate data using a variety of computing methods.

In 3rd grade students will...
- Demonstrate that radiant energy from the sun can heat objects and when the sun is not present, heat may be lost.
- Infer based on observations.
- Recognize that scientists use models to help understand and explain how things work.
- Recognize that energy has the ability to cause motion or create change.

In social studies our teachers focus heavily on nonfiction texts to guide students in their understanding and exploration of the past and present. Using multiple resources, students will grow in their understanding of historical knowledge, beginning economics, the world in spatial terms, civic and political participation, places and regions, and lastly physical systems.

In 2nd grade students will...
- Examine primary and secondary sources.
- Identify reasons people came to the United States throughout history.
- Label on a map or globe the continents, oceans, Equator, Prime Meridian, North and South poles.
- Explain the consequences of an absence of rules and laws.
In 3rd grade students will...

- Utilize technology resources to gather information from primary and secondary sources.
- Investigate how people perceive places and regions differently by conducting interviews, mental mapping, and studying news about a region or area.
- Identify levels of the government (local, state, federal).
- Recognize that the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land.

Religion

The Diocese of Orlando religion curriculum promotes lifelong faith formation. The curriculum is structured according to the six fundamental tasks of Catechesis set forth in the general directory for Catechesis. The curriculum is based on a spiral approach to learning in which the same fundamental faith topics are presented each year so that the students may gradually deepen his/her understanding of the faith according to his/her age and ability.

- Explore, profess and reflect on our Catholic faith, which is the content of God’s revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and lived out in the Creed and Church doctrine.
- Recognize the presence of Christ and enter into communion with Him through active, full and conscious participation in the Liturgical celebrations and Sacraments of the Church.
- Develop a moral conscience that is informed by Church teachings and conformed to Christ, as modeled in a personal life of virtue and demonstrated in service of the Gospel’s demands for society.
- Experience and engage in Catholic expressions of prayer to deepen their relationship with God and the Church.
- Study and participate in the life and mission of the church, the Body of Christ and the community of believers, as expressed in the Church’s origin, history, ecclesiology, the Communion of Saints and their family, the domestic church.
- Acquire and demonstrate skills to recognize their gifts from God and their vocation to share the good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed in the world.

Florida Standards

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