

# GRACE EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

CURRICULUM GUIDE



Grace is a joyful environment where students are eager to learn, and Christ-like values are lived. Our campus fosters a sense of wonder through hands-on exploration and discovery, with a special emphasis on the beauty of our outdoor spaces. By nurturing the mind, body, and spirit of each student, we deepen the connections that positively impact our community.

We believe that education is meaningful work and are deeply committed to developing the whole child.



## LANGUAGE ARTS

- Develop the foundational reading skills of phonemic awareness, phonics, decoding, high frequency words, word analysis, and fluency through explicit and systematic instruction.
- Hear, read, and discuss a variety of fiction and nonfiction literature including stories, poems, narrative nonfiction and articles.
- Learn and practice comprehension strategies including visualizing, making connections to the text, identifying the main idea and key details, analyzing characters, setting, plot, problem, and theme.
- Expand vocabulary by exploring word meanings and relationships, including antonyms and synonyms, multiple-meaning words, prefixes and suffixes, context clues, and basic dictionary skills.
- Utilize mentor texts to explore characteristics of genres and develop knowledge of writing and author's craft.
- Develop grammar, usage, capitalization, and punctuation skills.
- Practice and reinforce manuscript handwriting skills.

## MATHEMATICS

- Develop a conceptual understanding of place value up to three-digit numbers.
- Master addition and subtraction facts up to 20.
- Apply strategies to add and subtract two digit numbers.
- Demonstrate an understanding of equality, addition and subtraction.
- Expand time, money, measurement, and geometry skills.
- Interpret data and create a variety of graphs.
- Learn various problem-solving strategies for one and two step problems.

## SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

- Explore relationships in the natural world including animals, habitats, plants, seasons, weather, and space.
- Develop observational and organizational skills for scientific data and information.
- Begin to read and understand maps.
- Explore geography through the introduction of different regions, states, and countries across the globe.
- Introduce and discuss positive character traits in relation to being a good citizen, community member, and friend.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Learn body awareness, the value of exercise, and fitness as a means of good health and self-care.
- Develop eye-hand and eye-hand-foot coordination.
- Improve on the skills of traveling safely during physical activity.

## SPANISH

- Understand that our world is made up of many places where people speak different languages.
- Implement a routine for attendance, prayer, greetings, weather and feelings.
- Learn basic manners and understand basic classroom instructions.
- Practice counting to 30 and begin reading and writing numbers to 15.
- Correctly use the concept of the grammatical gender.
- Focus on vocabulary units such as animals, body parts, family, clothing, colors, seasons, days of the week, and food.
- Complete a cultural mini-unit on one specific Spanish-speaking country each quarter.

## VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

- Introduce the difference between 2D and 3D art.
- Understand and apply the elements of art: line, shape, color, and texture.
- Introduce famous artists and periods of art history.
- Develop craftsmanship and fine motor skills.
- Recognize beat patterns in songs.
- Identify and describe melody, harmony and rhythm.
- Sing major scales forward and backward and pivot on the "do."
- Sing a major chord triad.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Identify, describe, and demonstrate the Fruits of the Spirit.
- Begin to learn about the different books of the Bible and how the Bible is structured.
- Explore stories from the Old and New Testament.

## STEM & TECHNOLOGY

- Begin practicing early typing skills, learning through educational apps and creative digital tools.
- Acquire a basic understanding of coding while developing patience, persistence, and problem solving skills.
- Explore imaginative and early engineering skills through guided hands-on projects.
- Practice digital citizenship by learning safe online choices and recognizing trustworthy sites.

## LIBRARY

- Demonstrate proper care for library books and an understanding of respectful library behavior.
- Learn how to select appropriate books and follow library check-out procedures.
- Explore age-appropriate children's literature through engaging storytime experiences.

## WELLNESS

- Focus on the value and benefits of a daily gratitude practice.
- Practice regular breathwork including 4-7-8 breathing.
- Learn and practice self-care skills such as nutrition, exercise, mindful eating, organization, empathy, self-control, perseverance, and conflict resolution.
- Identify qualities of a healthy relationship.
- Gain exposure to effective coping strategies.
- Practice conflict resolution skills.
- Identify healthy boundaries.



THE MISSION OF GRACE EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL IS TO  
DEVELOP ENGAGED LEARNERS AND CONFIDENT LEADERS  
WHO SINCERELY MODEL THE LOVE OF CHRIST.