

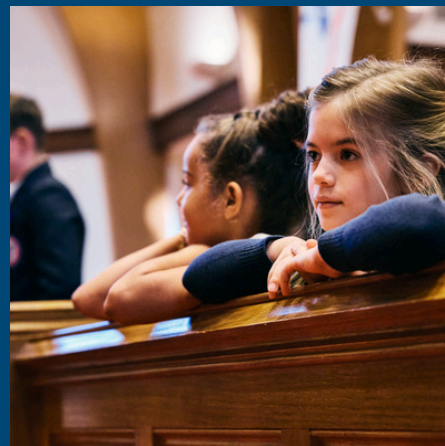
GRACE EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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 non-fiction literature including stories, poems, novels, 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.
- Reinforce manuscript handwriting skills and introduce cursive handwriting.

MATHEMATICS

- Develop a conceptual understanding of place value up to three-digit numbers.
- Demonstrate mastery of addition and subtraction facts up to 20.
- Apply strategies to add and subtract two and three digit numbers.
- Demonstrate an understanding of equality, addition, and subtraction.
- Utilize arrays and manipulatives to build an understanding of multiplication.
- 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

- Develop an understanding of weather patterns, the water cycle, and properties of matter.
- Investigate force and motion, magnets, and simple machines.
- Explore the topics of citizenship, American symbols, and rights and responsibilities.
- Develop map skills and understand the concepts of continent, country, state, and city.

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 20.
- Express simple likes and dislikes and state preferences.
- 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

- Explore the use of warm and cool colors in the creation of art.
- Learn about famous artists and periods of art history.
- Understand and apply the elements of art: line, color, shape and texture.
- Develop craftsmanship and fine motor skills.
- Introduce and practice basic music reading skills.
- Play pitched and unpitched instruments and describe the differences.
- Sing major scales forward and backward and pivoting on the "do."
- Sing a major chord triad.

STEM & TECHNOLOGY

- Build independence with computers by practicing typing, using educational apps and creative digital tools, and beginning basic word processing.
- Expand understanding of coding by applying skills in sequencing, patterns, and problem solving.
- Apply imagination, engineering, and critical thinking to create structured projects.
- Practice digital citizenship by understanding digital footprints and media balance.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Explore stories of the Old Testament focusing on specific people and their actions and how these point us to Christ.
- Look more broadly at Jesus' life among us, the people he taught, preached to, and healed.
- Deepen our understanding of the love of Christ.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Learn the importance of stretching and hydration.
- Practice good sportsmanship and teamwork in all games, drills, and activities.
- Improve on the skills of traveling safely during physical activity.

LIBRARY

- Demonstrate proper care of 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.