

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

- Continue to develop strong writing skills, focusing on proper sentence structure, and grammar usage.
- Use a variety of writing styles to develop and refine the writing process, including personal narrative, fiction, nonfiction, and opinion writing.
- Identify the central idea and key details in a story.
- Determine cause and effect and practice making inferences.
- Read a variety of genres and continue to develop comprehension strategies using novels and reading anthologies.
- Practice active listening, clear oral communication, and respond to others through thoughtful participation in class discussions.

MATHEMATICS

- Demonstrate mastery and quick recall of basic addition and subtraction facts.
- Use addition and subtraction facts for multi-digit problems with regrouping.
- Demonstrate recall of multiplication facts 0-12.
- Develop knowledge of basic division with whole numbers.
- Understand fractions, units of measurement, patterns, graphs, and number lines.
- Understand time and measurement.
- Represent and interpret data on graphs and charts.
- Demonstrate fluency with place value and rounding.
- Use different strategies to effectively solve multi-step word problems.

SCIENCE

- Plan and carry out investigations using the scientific method.
- Explore life science, including animal behaviors, adaptations, and their role in the ecosystem.
- Study the earth, including factors that can change the environment and weather.
- Explore physical science, including forms of energy, and states of matter.
- Explore the study of space and technology.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Explore geography and map skills.
- Investigate how people from around the world become part of our country.
- Discover what makes a community diverse and how people are alike and different.
- Analyze how a community works on both a local and global scale.

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.
- Master counting to 30 and begin reading and writing numbers to 30.
- Review Spanish names, practice writing them, and learn social introductions.
- Express simple likes and dislikes and state preferences.
- Review the four Spanish forms of "the" and begin learning adjective agreement.
- Focus on vocabulary units such as animals, body parts, family, clothing, colors, seasons, months, food, community, rooms of the house, and prepositions.
- Complete a cultural mini-unit on one specific Spanish-speaking country each quarter.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

- Introduce the difference between realistic and abstract art.
- Introduce famous artists, works of art, and periods in art history.
- Practice spatial awareness by arranging shapes and objects in a composition.
- Develop creative expression by encouraging imaginative storytelling through art.
- Begin to recognize major and minor intervals.
- Begin playing the ukulele by practicing strumming and one-string melodies.
- Sing with others, blending vocal timbres and matching dynamic levels.
- Echo short rhythmic and melodic phrases on pitched and unpitched instruments.

STEM & TECHNOLOGY

- Improve typing accuracy and use word processing and presentation tools for projects.
- Deepen coding knowledge by solving multi-step problems and experimenting with new tools.
- Use imagination, engineering, and critical thinking to plan and carry out multi-step projects.
- Practice digital citizenship by taking responsibility for online actions, protecting personal information, and communicating respectfully.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Learn how to read, use, and understand God's word.
- Complete a general overview of the Bible with a focus on specific people and their actions.
- Look more broadly at Jesus' life, the people he taught, preached to, and healed.
- Use the liturgical calendar to understand the church seasons.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Practice and improve throwing, catching, kicking, aim, and endurance.
- Practice good sportsmanship and teamwork in all games, drills and activities.

LIBRARY

- Build age-appropriate information literacy skills, including how to locate books in the school library using the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC).
- Explore age-appropriate children's literature through both guided class novel studies and independent reading.
- Participate in art and writing projects inspired by authors and their works, expressed through various forms such as written text, audio, and visual media.

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.