

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

- Read and analyze a variety of literary genres.
- Develop strong reading comprehension skills and strategies.
- Master grade-level spelling and vocabulary.
- Grow as independent readers and critical thinkers.
- Demonstrate proper language usage and mechanics through editing and revision.
- Explore the writing process through personal narratives, fiction, opinion writing, and poetry.

MATHEMATICS

- Develop quick recall of addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts.
- Strengthen division skills through practice and application.
- Understand and connect key mathematical concepts, including:
 - Units of measure, area, and perimeter
 - Place value up to the millions
 - Money and decimals
 - Multiplying by two-digit numbers
 - Connections between decimals and fractions
 - Time, factors, multiples, and patterns
- Add, subtract, and multiply decimals with accuracy.
- Collect, organize, and analyze data using a variety of graphs and visual representations.

SCIENCE

- Plan and carry out investigations using the scientific method.
- Compare and contrast the major stages in the life cycles of Florida plants and animals.
- Identify and describe the three types of rocks: igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic.
- Explain the relationship between the rotation of Earth and the apparent movements of the sun, moon, and stars.
- Observe and describe basic forms of energy, including light, heat, sound, electrical, and kinetic energy.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Continue to develop and practice map and globe skills.
- Develop an understanding of Florida and its history.
- Investigate and explore Florida's Native American tribes, early explorers and colonization of Florida, statehood, wars, railroads, and tourism.
- Discuss ideas orally, through written expression and presentations.
- Describe the distinctive features of the regions of the United States.

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 100 by 10s and review reading and writing numbers to 30.
- Express simple likes and dislikes and learn when to use their singular and plural forms.
- Review the four Spanish forms of "the" and strengthen 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 quarterly cultural mini-units on Spanish-speaking countries.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

- Explore famous artists, works of art, and distinct periods in art history.
- Introduce acrylic painting skills, tools, techniques and styles.
- Practice drawing more detailed and proportionate figures and objects.
- Introduce singing in small groups with harmony.
- Continue playing the ukulele, including reading music.
- Sight read rhythm patterns, including quarter notes, quarter rests, half notes, half rests, eighth notes, whole notes, whole rests, dotted half notes, dotted quarter notes, and simple syncopated patterns, in double and triple meter.
- Arrange songs to be performed.

STEM & TECHNOLOGY

- Refine typing, writing, and presentation skills while integrating multimedia.
- Conduct independent research with digital tools and organize findings.
- Apply coding to create interactive projects, using logic and problem-solving to bring ideas to life.
- Apply imagination, engineering, and critical thinking to design interactive or collaborative projects.
- Practice digital citizenship by protecting privacy, building positive relationships online, and respecting creator rights.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Focus on the concepts of covenant, prophecy, and psalmic praise to God.
- Focus on the Old Testament using *The New Adventure Bible*, object lessons, games, and activities.
- Learn and follow the liturgical calendar through the seasons.
- Explore Jesus' life and ministry through miracles, parables, and the coming reign of God.
- Study church history and traditions.

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.