

# 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

- Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.
- Develop reading and writing skills through whole class and small group lessons which include instruction in spelling, handwriting, and vocabulary acquisition.
- Introduce print concepts.
- Develop phonemic awareness and fluency through rhyming, blending, and decoding.
- Introduce comprehension skills and strategies.
- Develop sight word recognition and decoding skills.

## MATHEMATICS

- Develop number awareness and formation of numbers through 30.
- Count to 100 by 1s, 5s, and 10s.
- Recognize numbers 0–20 and identify ordinal numbers 1st–10th.
- Develop early building blocks for algebra and geometry through patterning, sequencing, and constructing with 2D and 3D shapes.
- Recognize the attributes of length, volume, weight, area, time, and money.
- Understand various meanings of addition and subtraction.
- Build new mathematical knowledge through problem solving.

## SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

- Introduce physical, earth, and life sciences.
- Observe and investigate plants, animals, and weather.
- Develop concepts on how people grow and change, communities, maps, landforms, U.S. presidents, and monuments.
- Develop ways to communicate thoughts, show independence, organization, and responsibility while working in a classroom community.

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Interact with peers in a positive manner: shares, takes turns, compromises.
- Demonstrates age-appropriate attention spans for whole group, small group, and independent learning.
- Demonstrates age-appropriate self-control, ability to follow rules and routines of the classroom and school, and follows multi-step directions.
- Understands and demonstrates age-appropriate abilities for effective communication, talks in complete sentences, and is able to listen attentively to others without interrupting.

## VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

- Identify and draw different types of lines and geometric shapes.
- Identify, describe and create primary and secondary colors.
- Identify the sources of sounds.
- Improvise short pieces of music using voice, instrument, or other sources of sound.

## 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 up to 20.
- Express simple likes and dislikes.
- Introduce the concept of grammatical gender.
- Focus on vocabulary units such as animals, body parts, family, clothing, colors, and food.
- Complete a cultural mini-unit on one specific Spanish-speaking country each quarter.

## STEM & TECHNOLOGY

- Learn how to sign in and to properly care for a computer.
- Use computers as a learning tool through educational apps and creative digital tools.
- Explore sequencing and patterns through beginner coding activities.
- Use imagination and creativity in simple hands-on projects.
- Practice digital citizenship by beginning to understand media balance and safe online behavior.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Explore stories from the Old Testament.
- Practice praying to God for others and our world.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Gain body awareness and understand the value of exercise and fitness as a means for good health.
- Practice and improve throwing, catching, kicking, aim, and endurance.
- Develop eye-hand and eye-hand-foot coordination.

## LIBRARY

- Demonstrate the proper care for library books and an understanding of library manners.
- Learn how to choose a library book and demonstrate knowledge of check-out procedures.
- Explore developmentally appropriate children's literature through interactive storytime sessions that include music, movement, and crafts.

## WELLNESS

- Practice calming breaths.
- Learn appropriate personal space.
- Practice age appropriate social skills such as sharing and taking turns.

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DEVELOP ENGAGED LEARNERS AND CONFIDENT LEADERS  
WHO SINCERELY MODEL THE LOVE OF CHRIST.