

Fine Arts

Students will:

- have art integrated throughout the curriculum.
- participate in the all-school Arts Attack program once a week.
- display artwork at the annual Lillian Black Festival of the Arts.
- participate in a formal classroom music program twice each week, provided by the Dominican Schools Music Program.
- perform at the Christmas Program for the school community.
- have the opportunity to perform in our school's drama production.
- benefit from concerts.

Physical Education

Students will:

- participate in 2 classes per week.
- exercise to strengthen their bodies.
- learn and participate in various sports.
- learn good sportsmanship.
- develop life long habits.

General Expectations

Students will:

- practice critical thinking skills.
- follow oral and written instructions.
- express responsible behavior daily.



This brochure is intended to present an idea of the curriculum offered in this grade level at Our Lady of Guadalupe School. It is not representative of all subject matter covered over the course of the school year, but instead gives an idea of the major focus and themes.

Field Trips

- Our Lady of Guadalupe School play
- Literacy Plays
- Children's Discovery Museum
- Additional field trips planned throughout the year to enhance and support curriculum units.

Students Speak Out...

First Graders had this to say about OLG!

OLG is a great school because:

- It's cool and awesome.
- Teachers teach us to be nice and respect each other.
- We do fun projects in Science and Math.
- We get to use the computers.
- We get to do book reports.
- Science Extravaganza is fun
- We have fun at recess and lunch

Our Lady of Guadalupe School

First Grade Curriculum

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Ground*



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Religion

Students will:

- understand the sacrament of Baptism.
- participate in daily prayer.
- attend and participate in school-wide Masses and prayer services.
- experience holistic approaches to prayer.
- integrate Christian values into everyday life.
- participate in class prayer circles.
- minister the Stations of the Cross.
- develop social skills by using the Second Step and Don't Laugh at Me Programs.
- understand and demonstrate Catholic Values.



Mathematics

Students will:

- understand and recognize numbers, number words and ordinals.
- learn addition and subtraction strategies for facts to 12.
- memorize and comprehend math fact families.
- develop knowledge of gathering data and creating graphs.
- comprehend place value to 100.
- be exposed to geometry concepts: symmetry, open and closed figures, sorting size and shape.
- tell time to the nearest hour and half-hour.
- be introduced to elapsed time.
- count and exchange money up to one dollar.
- understand measurement according to length, height and volume.
- be exposed to two-digit addition and subtraction.
- comprehend fractions: $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and probability.
- acquire problem-solving skills.
- be exposed to a variety of hands-on activities to develop life-long math skills.

Language Arts

Reading

Students will:

- apply phonetic and decoding skills within a text.
- identify nouns, verbs, and adjectives.
- be introduced to compound words, plurals, and contractions.
- alphabetize words to the first letter.
- recognize cause and effect relationships.
- become fluent readers within the grade level.
- read and comprehend grade-level appropriate material.
- read and respond to an array of genres from children's literature.
- read for the pleasure of reading.
- obtain information while reading a given text.
- develop life-long reading skills.
- be exposed to daily public speaking.
- develop a love for reading within the child-based center activities.

Writing

Students will:

- understand correct sentence structure.
- write clear and coherent sentences and paragraphs.
- develop a theme within their writing.
- write a friendly letter.
- write three book reports that identify the characters, setting and plot of the book.
- be exposed to writer's workshop.
- learn to edit their own work and the work of their peers.
- develop phonetic and memorized spelling patterns.
- write daily in writing journals.
- create an array of work from different genres.



Science

Life

Students will:

- sort living and non-living things.
- identify characteristics of living things.
- develop knowledge of life cycles, habitats and food chains.

Earth

Students will:

- observe, describe and measure weather.
- identify seasons.
- recognize natural resources.
- develop an appreciation for the environment.
- create ways to save the earth.
- be exposed to hands-on labs.

Physical

Students will:

- observe matter.
- explore movement and sound.
- learn about energy and how we use it.

Space and Technology

Students will:

- obtain information about the solar system.



Social Studies

Students will:

- understand the importance of community: school, city, state and world.
- develop good citizenship.
- acquire primary map skills.
- be exposed to geography at the state, country and world levels.
- create a state project appropriate for the grade level.
- learn appreciation of cultural pluralism.