

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Visitation is a Catholic Parish School that promotes life-long learning, responsible citizenship, academic excellence, and sharing the Good News and love of Jesus Christ.



First Grade Teacher: Mrs. Solheim

EDUCATION

B.S. in Elementary Education from
Western Oregon State University

How My Faith Influences Teaching

I believe that I have an obligation to share my faith, values and morals with my students. Not only does my faith influence my teaching, but working with children enhances my faith. There is no greater way to see God's creation than through the eyes of children.

VCS WELCOMES YOU!

Come explore our campus; a place where students from Preschool through 8th grade have an opportunity to fulfill their potential within a safe and supportive academic environment.



VISITATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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1ST GRADE CURRICULUM



Cultivating faith through academic excellence, arts and athletics in the Catholic tradition since 1883.

ENGLISH

READING

- Expanding phonemic awareness and applying phonics skills to decode unknown words
- Utilize picture and context clues to aid in comprehension and reading high-frequency words
- Self correct errors in oral reading and making predictions about stories
- Distinguish between fantasy and reality and demonstrate comprehension of text(s)
- State the main idea of a selection and recall pertinent story details
- Increase vocabulary and determine cause and effect relationships
- Select materials to read independently and respond to stories by relating characters and events to own life
- Begin reading with an appropriate degree of fluency

WRITING

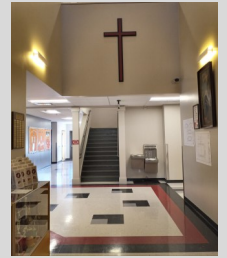
- Form manuscript letters correctly and write legibly
- Spell common, Phonetically regular words as well as frequently used, irregular words
- Use correct capitalization and punctuation
- Write in complete sentences and create a story with beginning, middle and ending

LISTENING AND SPEAKING

- Demonstrate active listening and express ideas clearly
- Process information gained from a variety of sources and ask questions as needed

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Visitation Catholic School is dedicated to the four-fold principles of Catholic education: message, service, community and worship. In accordance with these principles, we are committed to the building of a Christ centered community of students. We believe all who participate in the process have vital and distinct roles.



SCIENCE/HEALTH

- Describe the attributes & needs of living things; learn the differences between plants and animals
- Classify matter as solid, liquid, or gas; discover the components of weather - air, sun and water
- Learn about environmental concerns - reusing, rethinking, reducing, recycling and rebuilding
- Learn about personal safety through the Talking About Touching program; study good dental hygiene and good nutrition

MATHEMATICS

- Read, write and order whole numbers to 100 as well as applying ordinal numbers 1st through 10th in numeric or word form
- Count by ones, fives, tens and demonstrate & understanding of place value to the tens place
- Apply with fluency sums to 9 and related subtraction facts; identify, count, compare coins for amounts to 25 cents
- Generate, read, interpret pictographs, bar graphics; extend & generate patterns
- Compare/order objects according to measurable attributes; tell time to the nearest hour
- Recognize & identify attributes of 2-dimensional geometric shapes
- Select an appropriate strategy for solving a problem, perform the necessary computation, and solve the problem

RELIGION

- Reflect on Catholic Church Community; learn God is our loving Father & Creator of all things
- Study about Jesus, God's Son and also discover the role the Holy Spirit can have in our lives
- Realize that the Church is a community of people from all over the world that are called to serve others in need, & learn about Church feasts & seasons
- Memorize basic prayers; prepare and actively participate in liturgies

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Identify rules & laws and why they are important
- Locate & identify important community locations (school, library, fire department, etc.)
- Read & construct maps

OTHER CURRICULUM

- Work with a variety of media, tools, and processes; integrate artistic expressions into other subject
- Explore the art elements - line, shape, color, value, texture, form, and space. Experience seasonal craft opportunities.
- Physical Education, Music, Spanish, Library and Technology are taught by specialists trained in these areas. See specific brochures.