

## 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.



Kindergarten Teacher: Ms. Bottema

### EDUCATION

B.S. in Elementary Education from  
Brigham Young University-Idaho  
Master of Education in Curriculum &  
Instructional Technology from  
Northwestern Christian University  
(Bushnell University)

### How My Faith Influences Teaching

My faith is an important part of who I am and God has given me a special responsibility and privilege to teach His 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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## KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM



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

## **ENGLISH**

### **READING**

- Demonstrate development understanding of concepts of print texts; how to hold books, track print and distinguish words from pictures and letters from words
- Recognize sentences and begin to understand that sentences begin with capital letters and end with a punctuation mark
- Identify letters; distinguish letter sounds
- Demonstrate basic understanding of the sound print code; words contain sounds that are represented by letters and letters combine to make words.
- Identify basic sight words
- Recognize and produce rhyming words
- Identify beginning, middle and ending sounds

### **WRITING**

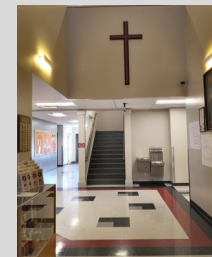
- Write upper and lower case letters of the alphabet and begin to represent words with letters
- Write expressively using drawings, letters, and words
- Begin to write Narrative, Opinion and Informative pieces

### **LISTENING AND SPEAKING**

- Discuss prior knowledge of topics, relate to text and make predictions before reading
- Sustain their attention for an age-appropriate length of time while reading or listening to books
- Complete a 3-step task based on oral instructions
- Listen attentively to others
- Express ideas clearly and audibly in oral speaking

## **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.



### **RELIGION**

- Learn prayers: The sign of the Cross, Angel of God, The Lord's prayer, The Hail Mary, The Glory Be, prayer before meals and after meals
- Participate in prayer (including weekly Mass)
- God is our loving Father who makes every person special
- God watches over us and all creation

### **SOCIAL STUDIES**

- Learn about social skills and violence prevention through the Second Step Program
- Compare past and present
- Distinguish between wants and needs
- Identify forms of US money and how to use it
- Identify, compare and contrast pictures, maps and globes

### **SCIENCE/HEALTH**

- Explore the 5 senses
- Force and Motion
- Compare plants and animals
- Observe weather and sky changes
- Identify living and non-living things
- Participate at the yearly Science Fair
- Learn about personal safety through the Talking About Touching program

### **MATHEMATICS**

- Count, compare, describe and sort objects
- Connect numerals to the quantities they represent
- Identify, write and order numerals 0-30
- Model (act out/use objects) problem solving involving simple addition and subtraction situations
- Recognize and name basic geometric shapes
- Explore objects in terms of their measurements
- Follow a daily schedule to help develop the concept of time
- Name the months and days of the week
- Identify, extend and create various patterns
- Understand comparative and positional terms: more than, less than, equal to, above, below, left, right, top, middle and bottom
- Understand and create simple graphs

### **OTHER CURRICULUM**

- Art is taught regularly and incorporated into daily activities
- Physical Education, Music, Spanish, Library and Technology are taught by specialists trained in these areas. See specific brochures.

