

# First Grade

A toothless grin, an innate desire to read, and an unbridled curiosity are certainly characteristics of St. Peter School First Graders. A year of tremendous growth and development, First Grade allows students to gain independence and develop increased confidence in themselves as learners. Highlights for our first graders include a Litany of Saints Parade, a Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Northshore Food Bank, an Advent Program, a Community Christmas Outreach Project, and a 1st grade celebration of learning.

## Religion

- Prayers: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, St. Michael the Archangel
- We believe in the Blessed Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit
- We learn about Jesus' life, death and resurrection; how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit; how we belong to the Church
- Church Seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, Easter

## English Language Arts

- Continues a phonetic approach to reading and writing aligned with the Science of Reading
- Reads with attention to decoding, encoding, fluency, comprehension and vocabulary (through oral, guided, shared, and independent reading)
- Applies spelling rules and letter sounds to move from inventive spelling to traditional spelling
- Uses correct structure of words (endings, contractions, compound words)
- Begins to utilize the writing process and applies the rules to sentence writing
- Is introduced to conventions of Standard English when writing and speaking (common and proper nouns, adjectives, articles, prepositions)

## Math

- Counts by 2s, 5s, and 10s to 120
- Understands place value to 120
- Tells time to the hour and half hour
- Identifies two and three-dimensional shapes
- Learns basic addition and subtraction facts within 20
- Is introduced to using various strategies to solve word problems
- Recognizes and counts coins of various values to \$1.00
- Is introduced to reading tables and graphs
- Is introduced to fractions: whole, halves, and fourths
- Adds and subtracts two digit numbers (without regrouping)
- Is introduced to measurement using units and inch rulers



## Science

- Investigates the world around us through scientific explorations using our 5 senses
- Analyzes the life cycle of plants and animals
- Identifies the parts of an insect and information about their habitats
- Identifies and learns about animal habitats
- Identifies and manipulates the states of matter
- Explores the four seasons

## Social Studies

- Identifies and locates the physical features and topography of the Earth
- Realizes and compares the important role community helpers play in our community
- Studies economics with consumers and their basic needs and wants
- Participates and analyzes the election process as we celebrate America
- Discovers and learns about past and present influential people
- Collaborates and acts kindly to make and become good friends

