

# St. James Catholic School Course Curriculum Guide

## Pre-Kindergarten-6th Grade

Religion		Pre-Kindergarten 3	<u>Sadlier “Discovering God’s Child”</u> -Helps young children explore God’s gifts of life.
		Pre-Kindergarten 4	<u>Sadlier “Discovering God’s World”</u> -Children learn of God’s love through the exploration of the world He made for us. Pflaum Promise Family Weekly-A weekly lesson based on the Church’s liturgical year.
		Kindergarten-6th Grade	<u>Sadlier We Believe with Project Disciple</u> -Guides children on their journey of discipleship as they learn, celebrate, choose, pray, share, and live the good news of Jesus Christ.
Language Arts	Reading/Phonics/Spelling	Pre-Kindergarten 3	<u>Frog Street Press</u> -A comprehensive, research-based program that integrates instruction across developmental domains and early learning disciplines.
		Pre-Kindergarten 4	<u>Alphatime Land of the Letter People</u> -Teaches letter recognition, formation, and sounds through thematic based units for each letter person. <u>Modern Curriculum Press</u> -Students learn independent reading and comprehension, critical thinking skills, word analysis, letter recognition, phonemic awareness, and sound/ symbol correspondence. Popcorn words and word families are introduced.
		Kindergarten-6th Grade	<u>Scott Foresman Reading Street</u> -A comprehensive reading and language arts series that uses scientifically research-based instruction. Reading Street delivers classic literature, scientifically research-based instruction, and a wealth of groundbreaking online experiences for high student engagement. It accelerates all learners towards greater proficiency with a focus on concepts and language. <u>Plaid Phonics</u> -A very solid series of phonetic and word study skills, from letter recognition in the K level, to alphabetizing, syllabication, and dictionary skills in the upper levels. <u>Accelerated Reading</u> -Students select, read, and take short quizzes on books. AR gives students and teachers feedback based on these quiz results, which the teacher uses to help students set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.
	English	2nd Grade-6th Grade	<u>Houghton Mifflin</u> -Provides grammar, writing, and communication instruction, plus practice and real-world application of skills.

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Mathematics		Pre-Kindergarten 3	<u>Frog Street Press</u> -A comprehensive, research-based program that integrates instruction across developmental domains and early learning disciplines.
		Pre-Kindergarten 4	<u>Progress Mathematics</u> -Builds an understanding of key mathematical concepts, models mathematics with real world problems, develops academic vocabulary, while increasing communication, reasoning, and problem solving skills.
		Kindergarten-6th Grade	<u>Saxon Math</u> -Allows students to learn math concepts, connect it to other math concepts, and apply it in problem-solving situations. Saxon Math is designed to support long-term mastery and application. <u>Accelerated Math (1st-6th Grade)</u> -An online progress monitoring program that personalizes lessons with differentiated instruction and tracks student progress.
Social Studies		Pre-Kindergarten 4	<u>My Big World-Scholastic with Clifford</u> -Introduces seasonal and social development themes including vocabulary, language, movement, and early literacy.
		Kindergarten	<u>Let's Find Out-Scholastic</u> -Teaches seasonal Science and Social Studies themes. It provides emergent non-fiction texts that support early readers with rebus pictures and simple, repetitive text. It is full of learning activities that build foundational reading, math, and social development skills.
		1st-2nd Grade	Social Studies skills are integrated through the Reading Street program. Internet resources, maps, puzzles, and projects are incorporated into lesson plans.
		3rd Grade	<u>Scott Foresman:Communities</u> -Teaches students about various communities; kinds of communities, the people in communities, locations of different communities, types of communities, history of communities, and government. Map skills are also incorporated.
		4th Grade	<u>Houghton Mifflin:Mississippi Studies</u> -Provides an in depth study of Mississippi history.
		5th Grade	<u>Scott Foresman-U.S. History</u> -Provides an in depth study of U.S. History is provided.
		6th Grade	<u>Holt McDougal-World Geography</u> -This program provides a study of World Geography through research-based projects and the incorporation of current events. Scholastic News is also used as a supplement.

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<b>Science</b>		Pre-Kindergarten 4	<u>Let's Find Out-Weekly Reader-Scholastic</u> -Builds a foundation for developing critical language, literacy, Science, and Social Studies skills.
		Kindergarten	<u>Pearson Interactive Science</u> -A comprehensive program that provides students with exciting standards-based lessons. In addition, children explore using Let's Find Out (Scholastic) Science and Social Studies themes that line up with the Kindergarten curriculum.
		1st-6th Grade	<u>Pearson Interactive Science</u> -Allows students to interact with and connect to Science. Internet resources and projects are incorporated into lessons. Science is also integrated through our Reading program
<b>Handwriting</b>		Pre-Kindergarten 4	<u>Writing our Catholic Faith Journal</u> -Teaches correct letter/number formation and reinforces many other skills.
		Kindergarten-1st	Handwriting skills are incorporated through the Scott Foresman Reading Street program.
		2nd-3rd Grade	<u>Zaner-Bloser Handwriting</u> makes it easy to deliver high-quality, developmentally appropriate handwriting instruction.
<b>Special Classes</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	PK3-6th Grade	The main objectives are to help each child attain acceptable degrees of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in an informal and relaxed environment; and to introduce children to the cultures of Spanish-speaking people.
	<b>Art</b>	PK3-6th Grade	Students learn about the history, vocabulary, and techniques of visual art through creative application involving varied mediums and styles.
	<b>Music</b>	PK3-6th Grade	Students learn about the elements of music by singing, dancing, and playing instruments. Students express themselves musically in multiple school performances and Masses.

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<b>Special Classes</b>	<b>Computer</b>	PK3-6th Grade	Grade-level appropriate instruction is provided that is designed to reinforce what is being taught in the classroom. Younger students enjoy educational websites that help them build basic computer skills and help them develop critical thinking skills while learning. Students learn how to use interactive technology, such as the Mimio board. We subscribe to ScootPad, which is a site that provides practice in Math, Language Arts, and Spelling. Students are taught typing skills at various levels, and students as young as PK4 begin to learn where letters are on the keyboard. We use the following computer programs: Khan Academy, Typing Club, Accelerated Reading and Accelerated Math, Math Facts in a Flash, and Pearson SuccessNet. Students are also taught how to use Google Docs and Google Slides.
	<b>Library</b>	PK3-6th Grade	In addition to the traditional use of the library for checking in/out books and taking Accelerated Reading tests, we offer a Library Integrated Curriculum. Our librarian teaches several units at designated times of the calendar year that link several subject areas with major events at our school. Religion, Reading, Social Studies, and Language Arts are integrated into the library curriculum through various programs. Some of these programs include a Saints Program, Presidential Program, and open summer library hours that promote our Accelerated Reading program.
	<b>Physical Education</b>	PK3-6th Grade	Physical Education assists students in the development of motor skills, manipulative skills, and movement experiences. It also teaches children to develop physical abilities and healthy habits that can last the rest of their lives. Organized activities such as basketball, kickball, and volleyball are taught in this class that students attend twice a week. The teacher also incorporates activities using Project Fit equipment in her instruction.