



Program of Studies Overview

– Fifth Grade –



Religion

- Students learn about the sacraments and how they differ from sacramentals
- The students will learn about memorized prayer including
 - Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
 - Seven Sacraments
 - Precepts of the Church



English Language Arts

Fifth grade ELA students focus on the following curricular areas:

- Reading (Comprehension, Fluency, Vocabulary)
- Writing (Craft, Grammar, and Mechanics)
- Speaking and Listening (Shared Inquiry)
- Language (Grammar and Vocabulary)



Mathematics

In fifth grade, students focus on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing whole numbers, fractions, and decimals. Your child will become fluent with computing these types of numbers and understanding the relationship between them.



Science

In 5th grade, science lessons emphasize to students the importance of analyzing what they learn in order to deepen their thinking, expand their knowledge, and develop their own ideas and conclusions. fifth graders conduct experiments and investigate topics.



Social Studies

- The students will learn about the cultures of North and South America.
- The students take part in a “Wax Museum” where they highlight important American figures.
- The students learn about the structure and geography of the United States.



Foreign Language

5th Grade Latin students focus on the following curricular areas:

Each class will start with students rising from their seats and answering the teacher’s greeting in Latin. Direct instruction for each unit will start with a Latin saying and its context. Vocabulary and grammar for each lesson on the workbook will be explained, followed by independent practice. Students will be encouraged to find additional derivatives and to find grammatical connections to the English language. Additionally, videos of Latin being used in church settings will be introduced. Famous Men of Rome stories will be read out loud by teacher and students, making connections to the Roman empire and how it has influenced different cultures.



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- Verb conjugation, subject pronouns in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd person singular and plural.
- 1st and 2nd declension singular and plural.
- The verb "to be"
- Derivatives
- Roman numerals
- Roman gods and goddesses research project.



Visual Arts

Pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students learn to have the confidence to see themselves as artists as they explore a variety of media to produce art. St. John Paul II's visual arts program provides students an opportunity to learn about various artists, art movements, cultures, and artwork throughout the world and throughout history. Students develop higher-level thinking as they discuss, critique, form ideas, and make connections through the study of art.



Music

At SJPII, pre-k through 8th grade students are provided with opportunities to appreciate music while using it to deepen and enrich their spiritual lives. Students are able to discover their God-given talents through listening, singing, performing, discussing, composing, and evaluating music in local, regional, and global contexts. With their deeper understanding of music and its role in the Catholic religion, students are more prepared to fully participate in Liturgy.



Physical Education

The Physical Education program follows the NC Diocese of Raleigh Curriculum by integrating the components into sports specific based learning. The large field and activity center are used to facilitate classes. Adjustments and alternative exercises will be provided as necessary. All students will continually strive to improve/master all areas of Locomotor skills at SJPII.