

KINDERGARTEN

As our newest Saints begin their journey at St. Matthew School, they are welcomed into a joyful world of discovery where learning happens through play, curiosity, and foundational skill-building.

Kindergartners form meaningful relationships with classmates and fifth-grade buddies, explore the wider community through service and agriculture-based field trips, and celebrate milestones that mark their growth. It is a year filled with wonder, faith, and the first lessons of God's love.

During this special time, essential learning habits like tenacity, organization, courage, collaboration, and focus begin to take root and flourish.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Kindergartners develop a strong foundation in reading, writing, listening and speaking through a balanced approach to literacy. They explore concepts of printing, phonemic awareness, and word recognition, while beginning to read and comprehend connected text. Through guided writing, oral presentations and class discussions, students gain confidence as emerging readers, writers and communicators.

MATHEMATICS

Students develop deep number sense and mathematical reasoning through active exploration of numbers, patterns, and shapes. Counting, comparing, and composing numbers to 19 lead naturally into problem-solving with addition, subtraction, and geometry concepts of which establish a solid foundation for future success in mathematics.

RELIGION

Students embark on their faith journey by learning what it means to live as part of the body of the Church at St. Matthew School. Through daily lessons, scripture, prayer, and weekly mass, they deepen their relationship with Jesus and grow in understanding God's presence in their daily lives. Students are introduced to Mary and the saints as models of faith and learn to express gratitude, compassion, and reverence in all that they do.

SCIENCE

Through inquiry-based learning students investigate the wonders of God's Creation, from plant and animal life to weather patterns and motion. Engaging experiments and observations foster curiosity, scientific reasoning and an appreciation for the order and beauty of the natural world.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Kindergartners begin learning how to recognize, name, and manage their emotions through the Kimochis® program. Using playful characters and hands-on lessons, they discover how to express their feelings, listen to others, and make kind, caring choices. These experiences help children develop empathy, confidence, and strong communication skills as they build friendships and learn what it means to treat others with the love and compassion of Jesus.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students begin their study of social systems and civic life by exploring what makes a community thrive. Lessons in citizenship, national symbols, and American history come alive through hands-on activities, videos, and celebrations that build cultural understanding and social awareness.

MUSIC

Students explore the elements of music through singing, movement and creative expression. Kindergartners learn to listen, perform and respond to music with growing confidence while developing rhythm, melody, and pitch awareness. Participation in liturgical music at weekly Mass deepens their appreciation for music as a form of prayer and celebration.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students build coordination, balance and spatial awareness through guided movement, stretching and cooperative games. Lessons emphasize respect, teamwork, and perseverance while helping students understand the importance of physical activity, wellness and care for their bodies as gifts from God.

SPANISH

Kindergartners begin developing foundational skills in Spanish through listening, speaking, songs and play-based activities. They explore vocabulary related to colors, numbers, family and community while gaining an appreciation for cultural diversity and global awareness. Early exposure to a second language nurtures confidence, curiosity and a broadened worldview.

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Students begin their exploration of technology and coding by learning to think logically, break problems into steps, and design creative solutions. Using tools such as ScratchJr, they experiment with directional coding to control movement and build interactive projects. Along the way, students practice research and presentation skills that strengthen digital literacy, problem-solving, and computational thinking, which lay the foundation for innovation in a technology driven world.