



# Saint Francis of Assisi School

*Experience the Good, the True, and the Beautiful*

## RELIGION IN KINDERGARTEN

The St. Francis School Kindergarten religion program uses *Spirit of Truth* by Sophia Press to teach children about the loving goodness of the Blessed Trinity. They meet the members of the Holy Family, and they learn who the saints are and what they have to teach us. They begin to explore why virtue is good and sin is bad, and the importance of developing good habits. Finally, they learn that they can always speak to God in prayer.

Kindergarten students will

- Be introduced to the loving goodness of the Blessed Trinity
- Discuss relationships within the Holy Family
- Learn about saints and how they can become one too
- Explore virtue and intentional development of good habits
- Learn why sin is bad
- Speak to God in prayer
- Integrate the Disciples of Christ virtue program in the classroom, hallway and at recess

## READING IN KINDERGARTEN

*Superkids Reading Program* features an outstanding cast of lively characters called the Superkids, whose adventures delight children of all skill levels. The lessons seamlessly integrate reading, spelling and grammar as well as listening and speaking. The systematic, explicit phonics instruction in this particular program is thoughtfully and thoroughly designed so that each child will learn to decode words with continuous practice until he or she reaches automaticity and fluency.

Kindergarten students will

- Meet the awesome Superkids and other characters
- Write capital and lowercase letters
- Blend sounds together
- Develop comprehension and recall
- Build vocabulary
- Practice fluency
- Develop grammar usage and mechanical skills

Saxon Math produces confident students who are not only able to correctly compute, but also apply learned concepts to new situations. Saxon Math students practice mathematical ideas over a considerable period of time through the pedagogical process known as incremental development and continual review.

Material is introduced in easily understandable pieces, or, increments, allowing students to grasp one facet of a concept before the next one is introduced. Both facets are then practiced together until another one is introduced. This feature is combined with continual review in every lesson throughout the year. Topics are never dropped but are increased in complexity and practiced every day, providing the time required for concepts to become totally familiar.

Students will participate in a wide variety of mathematics activities using the Saxon Math program. Students will learn through hands-on experiences, discussions, explorations, and oral practice. While each day's activities will be different, each lesson will have a familiar four-part format.

- **The Meeting:** a time when students practice everyday skills. Students will learn about the calendar, the daily number pattern, weather, attendance graph, time, and money. They will also use mental computation to solve practical problems.
- **Fact Practice:** this helps students master number facts by practicing fact strategies using fact cards, games and activities, Learning Wrap-Ups, and fact sheets. Students also practice their number facts at home using a variety of methods.
- **New Concepts:** these are presented in each lesson though discussion and hands-on experiences that allow students to be actively involved in learning. This also aids in their ability to recall.
- **Written Practice:** this reinforces new concepts from the lesson as well as from previous lessons. Students are guided in class as they complete and correct Side A of the practice sheet. Students complete Side B as homework.

### Complete Saxon Math Scope and Sequence

- *Kindergarten – Fourth Grade:*  
<https://www.hmhco.com/~media/sites/home/education/global/pdf/scope-and-sequence/mathematics/elementary/saxon-math/scope-and-sequence-6-14-13.pdf?la=en>

### MATHEMATICS IN KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students will master the following concepts: \*

*Numbers and Operations*

- Count by 1's, 5's, and 10's
- Read and write numbers to 31
- Compare and order numbers to 20
- Identify and count money

#### *Geometry and Measurement*

- Sort common geometric shapes
- Make and copy designs on a geoboard

#### *Statistics, Data Analysis and Probability*

- Identify a sorting rule
- Create and read a pictograph

#### *Problem Solving and Communication*

- Solve spatial problems
- Act out, draw pictures, and write number sentences to solve story problems

*\*For a comprehensive list of skills and benchmarks, please see the Complete Saxon Math Scope and Sequence above.*

## **SOCIAL STUDIES IN KINDERGARTEN**

In Kindergarten, the learning of history and social studies is built on children's experiences in their families, school, community, state and country. Using trade books and the knowledge from guest speakers, and through activities on our smartboard, children are introduced to the following concepts:

- The celebration of national holidays and the reasons why we celebrate them
- National symbols and documents that played a part in the founding of the New World
- Elected officials including the President of the United States, and the various military branches
- That we have a moral obligation to become Community Helpers
- The geography of our country, state, town and street
- Locations using a map or globe
- Community and Global Awareness

## **SCIENCE IN KINDERGARTEN**

In our science groups, a strong emphasis is placed on developing the scientific skills of observing, inferring, predicting, classifying, making models and communicating.

Kindergarten students will

- Study in-depth the life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly
- Learn how all things grow

- Learn about the human body and how we are made in God's image
- Utilize their five senses to make factual statements
- Describe and define outer space along with a rudimentary understanding of the solar system
- Gather information about plants and animals in the rainforest
- Predict and measure objects