

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

"Young minds can achieve great things . . ."

Welcome to First Grade!

Listed below are some key objectives from the Diocesan Curriculum Guide for this grade level. This list includes objectives that are unique to this grade and it is important to remember that each curriculum builds on the one before it. This document is in no way intended to be a comprehensive list.

Religion

Our goal for your child is for him/her to learn:

- to recognize God's involvement in the history of His people through Bible stories
- to understand that God created the universe
- to identify and understand the Two Great Commandments (Love God, Love One Another)
- to identify Mary as the Mother of God, Mother of Jesus and to describe important events related to her
- to explain the reason for and the importance of attending Sunday Mass as well as proper Mass behavior
- to know and recite basic prayers including a meal blessing and a morning offering
- to recognize God as a loving creator always ready to forgive

Language Arts

Our goal for your child is for him/her to learn:

- to listen for a main idea, recognize cause and effect, and to predict outcomes
- to set a purpose for reading; to adjust reading speed and method depending on the type of material and the purpose for reading
- to draw a man with six body parts, to lace shoes and tie knots, to write letters as well as some words and sentences
- to decode by using all letter-sound correspondences within a word
- to use phonic analysis to identify consonants, long/short vowels, some blends, digraphs, and diphthongs as well as initial clusters
- to learn and apply age-appropriate spelling rules
- to identify characteristics of poems, fairy tales, folk tales and non-fiction (i.e. Weekly Reader)
- to develop grammar skills such as identifying nouns, verbs, and adjectives
- to create and write a complete simple sentence as well as recognize and correct sentence fragments
- to know and apply age-appropriate rules of capitalization and punctuation
- to apply the writing process to brief journals, short stories, friendly letters and simple poetry

Math

Our goal for your child is for him/her to learn:

- to count objects by twos, fives, and tens
- count ordinal numbers to 10 and rote numbers to 20
- to rearrange a horizontal number sentence to a vertical number sentence
- to recall basic addition and subtraction facts
- to solve two-digit addition problems with regrouping
- to compute total value of coins in a mixed group as well as to select the proper coins to equal a designated amount
- to understand and describe data displayed on a graph as well as make predictions based upon information from the graph
- to compare geometric figures by size and shape

Science

Our goal for your child is for him/her to learn:

- to classify plants according to characteristics and needs
- to compare and contrast carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores
- to distinguish between the 3 states of matter as solids, liquids and gases

Social Studies

Our goal for your child is for him/her to learn:

- to locate the equator on the map and globe as well as locate local continent and country
- to identify the symbols/slogans that represent the U.S. and tell why we have them (i.e. eagle, flag, Statue of Liberty, etc.)
- to identify and list means of transportation and their uses