

Saint Brendan Catholic School

First Grade Curriculum Guide

Religion

- ❖ God's love and forgiveness
- ❖ The life and teachings of Jesus
- ❖ The Holy Spirit
- ❖ The Blessed Trinity
- ❖ The Church as our family
- ❖ Sacraments
- ❖ Mary and the Saints
- ❖ Understanding of the Mass
- ❖ The Mysteries of the Rosary
- ❖ Moral development
- ❖ Prayers
- ❖ Church seasons
- ❖ Community outreach
- ❖ Weekly participation in Mass
- ❖ Grade level Mass presentations

Social Studies

- ❖ Maps and direction
- ❖ Famous people
- ❖ American history and holidays
- ❖ Communities
- ❖ Building Citizenship

Science

- ❖ Life Cycles
- ❖ Plant and animal classification
- ❖ Weather and seasons
- ❖ Magnetic force
- ❖ Earth's land and water
- ❖ Recycling

Mathematics

- ❖ Addition and subtraction facts to 20
- ❖ Word problem solving strategies
- ❖ Graphing
- ❖ Place Value to 100
- ❖ Inequalities
- ❖ Estimating
- ❖ Ordinal Numbers
- ❖ Counting by 2, 5, and 10
- ❖ Solid figures and plane shapes

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Mathematics (continued)

- ❖ Addition of 3 addends
- ❖ Fractions
- ❖ Money: pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars
- ❖ Time to the hour and half hour
- ❖ Calendars
- ❖ Metric and standard measurement
- ❖ Adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers without regrouping
- ❖ Algebraic equations
- ❖ Probability

Language Arts

Phonics

- ❖ Short and long vowels
- ❖ Consonant blends and digraphs
- ❖ Suffixes
- ❖ Contractions

Writing

- ❖ Story mapping
- ❖ Creative and narrative writing
- ❖ Writing a letter
- ❖ Book reports
- ❖ Capitalization and punctuation
- ❖ Proofreading
- ❖ Poetry
- ❖ Daily Journal writing

Reading

- ❖ High frequency words
- ❖ Reinforcement of phonetic skills
- ❖ Predicting
- ❖ Sequencing
- ❖ Story elements- setting, plot, characters, problems
- ❖ Identify main ideas and supporting details
- ❖ Compare and Contrast
- ❖ Draw conclusions
- ❖ Cause/Effect
- ❖ Fact/Fantasy
- ❖ Alphabetical order
- ❖ Author's purpose
- ❖ Oral reading
- ❖ Accelerated Reader Program

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Spelling

- ❖ Inventive spelling
- ❖ Phonetic spelling
- ❖ High frequency words

English

- ❖ Sentence structure
- ❖ Types of sentences
- ❖ Parts of speech: common and proper nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives
- ❖ Verb tense
- ❖ Compound words
- ❖ Oral reports
- ❖ Synonyms and antonyms
- ❖ Following directions

Handwriting

- ❖ Letter formation using the Zaner-Bloser method

Art

- ❖ The art program will encompass all five standards building on each with different grade level expectations (using age appropriate vocabulary).
- ❖ Skills and Techniques – The student understands and applies media, techniques and processes.
- ❖ Creation and Communications – The students creates and communicates using elements of art and the principles of design.
- ❖ Cultural and Historical Connections – The student understands the visual arts in relation to history and culture.
- ❖ Aesthetic and Critical Analysis – The student evaluates various works of art
- ❖ Application to Life – The student makes connections between art and the real world

Spanish

- ❖ Daily conversation
- ❖ Introduction to Hispanic culture
- ❖ Benefits of knowing Spanish
- ❖ Pronunciations, writing and grammar
- ❖ Spanish songs
- ❖ Vocabulary and expressions per monthly theme

Music

- ❖ Students participate in weekly classes with liturgical music as the vehicle for expression and appreciation of music

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Library

- ❖ Introduce students to a diverse collection of children's literature and authors
- ❖ Foster working knowledge of library resources

Physical Education

- ❖ Focus on cooperative learning, enhanced fitness and refinement of basic movement
- ❖ Knows various techniques for throwing, catching, and striking different objects
- ❖ Understands that games consist of people, boundaries, equipment, purpose, and rules

Computer

- ❖ Keyboarding skills
- ❖ Mouse and CD-ROM operations
- ❖ Cross curricular games including math, language arts and science. Software examples include Jump Start, Kid Keys, Clifford, and School Zone.