

Religion

- Weekly participation in school Mass
- God's World
- God Loves You
- God's Son
- The Church
- Following Jesus
- Signs of Love
- Forever With God
- Character education to establish a strong foundation of morals, values, and ethics in our students
- Family life to bring a sense of belonging to a family, school, and community

Specialized Programs

The following areas are taught by content area specialists:

- **Foreign Languages:**

French and Spanish

- **Technology (iPads)**
- **Physical Education**
- **Music**
- **Library Skills**

The Sisters' Connection

The mission of the Institute of Union-Chrétienne de Saint Chaumond is to provide a positive educational experience for children grounded in Christ, according to the charisma of the Institute.

The Sisters' involvement and primary goal is first to provide a foundation for our teachings of the Catholic faith and to provide foreign language skills to enable growth in each child's abilities in the following years.

Catholic Faith: Provide examples in everything we do at NDA in relationship to Christ. Display God's love throughout the day and teach the Catholic faith within all levels at school.

Foreign Languages: French & Spanish

All grades: Preschool-8th:

- Prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten:

- Learning through songs, basic greetings, numbers 1-20, the family, conversation

Kindergarten-8th:

- Basic greetings, formal and informal "you", colors, months of the year, numbers 0-100, conversation, vocabulary list, basic phrases that are useful in classroom
- From 5th-8th: Introduction to grammar, the uses of foreign language knowledge in today's society

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Curriculum Guide



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Summary of First Grade Skill Expectations

Notre Dame Academy Grade Level Standards meet the California State and Diocesan Standards. For more information, please refer to www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/ and www.ndasd.org.

Language Arts

Reading:

- Distinguish initial, medial, and final sounds
- Create and state a series of rhyming words
- Decoding and Word Recognition
- Read common, irregular sight words
- Use knowledge of vowel digraphs and *r*-controlled letter-sound associations to read words
- Read compound words and contractions
- Read aloud with fluency in a manner that sounds like natural speech
- Identify and describe the elements of plot, setting, and character(s) in a story, as well as the story's beginning, middle, and ending
- Describe the roles of authors & illustrators and their contributions to print materials

Writing:

- Write clear and coherent sentences & paragraphs that develop a central idea
- Progress through the stages of the writing process
- Use descriptive words when writing
- Print legibly and use correct spacing
- Write brief expository descriptions

English Language Conventions:

- Identify and correctly use contractions
- Distinguish between declarative, exclamatory, and interrogative sentences
- Use proper end punctuation
- Use knowledge of the basic rules of punctuation and capitalization when writing

Listening and Speaking:

- Listen & respond appropriately to oral communication
- Speak in a manner that guides the listener to understand important ideas by using proper phrasing, pitch, and modulation
- Use descriptive words when speaking
- Deliver brief recitations and oral presentations about familiar experiences
- Demonstrate a command of standard American English

Math

Number Sense:

- Understand and use numbers up to 100
- Demonstrate the meaning of addition and subtraction and use these operations to solve problems
- Use estimation strategies in computation and problem solving that involve numbers that use the ones, tens, and hundreds places

Algebra and Functions:

- Use number sentences with operational symbols and expressions to solve problems

Measurement and Geometry:

- Use direct comparison and nonstandard units to describe the measurements of objects
- Identify common geometric figures, classify them by common attributes, and describe their relative position or their location in space

Statistics, Data Analysis, and Probability:

- Organize, represent, and compare data by category on simple graphs and charts
- Sort objects and create and describe patterns by numbers, shapes, sizes, rhythms, or colors

Mathematical Reasoning:

- Make decisions about how to set up a problem
- Solve problems and justify their reasoning
- Note connections between one problem and another

Science

Physical Sciences:

- Solids, Liquids and Gases

Life Sciences:

- Plants and Animals

Earth Sciences:

- Weather

Investigation and Experimentation:

- Discuss and Record Observations

History-Social Science

- Describe the rights and individual responsibilities of citizenship
- Know and understand the symbols, icons, and traditions of the United States that provide continuity and a sense of community across time
- Compare and contrast everyday life in different times and places around the world and recognize that some aspects of people, places, and things change over time while others stay the same
- Describe the characteristics of familiar places and the varied backgrounds of American citizens and residents in those places
- Understand basic economic concepts and the role of individual choice in a free-market economy