

Religion

- Weekly participation in school Mass
- Describe different ways to pray
- Evaluate the consequences of one's choices
- Identify church doctrines
- Participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist
- Describe the work of the Church and its members
- Analyze the meaning and significance of the Holy Trinity
- Apply the Fruits of the Spirit to everyday interactions
- Discover ways to promote peace and justice
- Serve others through the outreach programs of our school and church
- Character education to establish a strong foundation of good morals, values, and ethics in our students
- Family life to bring an awareness of the importance of belonging to a family, school, and community
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Specialized Programs

The following areas are taught by content area specialists:

- **Foreign Languages:**
French and Spanish
- **Technology (iPads)**
- **Visual Arts**
- **Physical Education**
- **Music**
- **Library/Media Center**

The Sisters' Connection

The mission of the Institute of Union-Chrétienne de Saint Chamond 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 Third 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:

- Identify antonyms, synonyms, homophones, & homographs
- Define various prefixes and suffixes
- Use comprehension skills: sequence, recalling main idea & details, identifying problem & solutions, compare & contrast, making inferences
- Define poetic devices (e.g. alliteration, assonance, etc.)
- Identify the elements of poetry, folktales, myths, legends, biographies, realistic fiction, nonfiction, fiction
- Utilize vocabulary strategies

Writing:

- Structured multi-paragraph writing
- Cursive letters
- Differentiate reference materials
- Use writing process
- Write narratives, sensory descriptions, personal and formal letters, thank-you notes, and invitations

English Language Conventions:

- Declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences
- Past, present, and future verb tenses
- All parts of speech
- Correct punctuation and capitalization
- Spelling contractions, compounds, common homophones

Listening and Speaking:

- Deliver brief narrative presentations
- Read prose and poetry aloud with fluency, rhythm, and pace
- Connect and relate prior experiences, insights, and ideas to those of a speaker
- Distinguish between fact and opinion

Math

Number Sense:

- Understand the place value of whole numbers
- Calculate and solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division
- Understand the relationship between whole numbers, simple fractions, and decimals

Algebra & Functions:

- Select appropriate symbols, operations, and properties to represent, describe, simplify, and solve simple number relationships
- Represent simple functional relationships

Measurement & Geometry:

- Choose and use appropriate units and measurement tools to quantify the properties of objects
- Describe and compare the attributes of plane and solid geometric figures and use their understanding to show relationships and solve problems

Data, Probability, and Statistics:

- Conduct simple probability experiments by determining the number of possible outcomes and make simple predictions

Mathematical Reasoning:

- Use strategies, skills, and concepts in finding solutions (estimation, patterns, checking answers, etc.)

Science

Physical Sciences:

- Energy and Matter
- Light

Life Sciences:

- Adaptations (diverse life forms in different environments)

Earth Sciences:

- Solar System (properties of the planets, stars, sun)
- Moon and its phases

Investigation & Experimentation:

- Apply scientific process to experimentation
- Use numerical data
- Differentiate evidence from opinion
- Collect and analyze data to form logical conclusions

History-Social Science

- Describe the physical and human geography and use maps, tables, graphs, photographs, and charts to organize information about people, places, and environments in a spatial context
- Describe the Kumeyaay Indians native to San Diego
- Organize the sequence of local historical events and describe how each period of settlement left its mark on the land
- Understand the role of rules and laws in our daily lives and the basic structure of the U.S. government
- Demonstrate basic economic reasoning skills and an understanding of the economy of San Diego