# Valley Catholic Elementary School



Kindergarten Curriculum

## **Language Arts**

In kindergarten, students practice phonics and phonemic awareness each day through the Heggerty program. Students engage in whole group and small group instruction to build literacy, writing, fluency, and comprehension skills. Students will also learn to distinguish between different types of text.

### Math

Students engage in whole group and small group hands-on instruction to learn beginning number sense including counting to 100 by ones and tens, composing and decomposing numbers to 10, addition and subtraction within 5, measurement, and geometry.

## **Social Studies**

In social studies students learn about rules and why they are important, needs vs wants, community helpers, maps and globes, traditions and holidays, past vs present.

#### **Science**

Students will observe patterns of what plant and animals/humans need to survive, the seasons & the effect of sunlight on the Earth's surface. Students will also learn about engineering and design, make observations to define a simple problem and create a solution.

#### Health

Students learn about social-emotional learning through Second Step and Sanford Harmony lessons. Additionally students discuss dental health, food groups, and how to stay healthy and active.

## Religion

Students learn about the Bible and listen to various Bible stories, Jesus and the Holy Family, how and where Mass is celebrated, and what it means to pray. We integrate prayer throughout the day and practice 4 prayers in kindergarten.

#### Art

Students are introduced to elements and principles of art design and art production through a parent led art literacy program. Students also use water colors, are led through direct draws, and use different art techniques to create artwork aligned to academics.