

Grade Course of Study 2016

Exiting Skills: Knowledge and skills that children are expected to demonstrate by the completion of a particular grade.

* From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Kindergarten

1. Make the sign of the cross (2157*)
2. Identify the Bible as a special book that we treat respectfully. (102-103*)
3. Retell the story of Jesus' birth (525*)
4. Name the members of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. (531-533*)

First Grade

1. State that God is the creator of the world. (290*)
2. Give the meaning of and properly use these liturgical words: amen & alleluia.
3. State the two great commandments that Jesus taught: love of God and love of others. (2196*)
4. Define prayer as talking and listening of God. (2559-2561*)
5. State that we are created to love, by love and for love. (356, 1604*)

Second Grade

1. Describe Jesus as sent by God so that we may know God's love for us. (458*)
2. Identify Mary as the Mother of Jesus. (494)
3. Recite the Our Father (2857 –2865*), Hail Mary (2676-2677), and the Glory Be. (257*)
4. Identify the Church as God's family. (1655*)
5. Identify Baptism as the sacrament through which we become children of God and members of the Church. (1218*)
6. Recite an Act of Contrition. (1451-1453*)
7. Define the Eucharist as a sacred meal. (1329*)
8. Define the Eucharist as a celebration. (1324-1327*)
9. Define liturgy as the official prayer of the community. (1140-1141*)
10. Identify Jesus Christ as the model of what it means to be a human person as a gift. (614,2013*)

Third Grade

1. Describe creation as all that God has made, both visible and invisible. (326*)
2. Identify God's love for creation as a major theme in the Old Testament. (295*)
3. Acknowledge God's creation as an expression of divine love reflecting God's wisdom and goodness. (339*)
4. Display reverence for the Bible and explain why Christians revere the Bible. (102-103*)
5. Identify praise, thanksgiving, petition and contrition as forms of prayer. (2626-2643*)
6. State that life is a gift and each person is created as gift. (2378, 2785*)

Fourth Grade

1. Describe creation as having intrinsic goodness and perfection. (339*)
2. Recite the Apostle Creed. (194*)
3. Define Sacrament as a visible sign of God's grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church. (1131*)
4. Define the liturgical year. (1168-1173*)
5. Identify the basic elements of the liturgical year: Advent (524*), Christmas (525*), Lent (540*), Easter Triduum (1168*), Easter (639-644*), Pentecost (1076*), and Ordinary Time (1168-1173*).
6. Memorize and recite the Ten Commandments.
7. Define sin as refusal to love God, self and others. (1849*)
8. Define conscience. (1778*)
9. Explain why human beings are persons to be loved, and not to be treated as objects. (356,1604*)