



Divine Mercy Catholic School Grade 1



At Divine Mercy, we base our work with young children on current knowledge of child development. We provide a child-centered environment which promotes the spiritual, personal, academic, physical and emotional needs of each child. In order to accomplish this task, we use a variety of teaching styles, state of the art technology, and active discovery learning with developmentally appropriate activities and practices. We develop language, play, move our bodies and explore art and music. And yes, we believe that education can and should be fun!

We believe that each student is a unique, valuable individual because of his/her God-given potential. We understand that our educational mission is to provide a quality Catholic education that integrates religion with learning and living. Christian values and a God-oriented philosophy permeate the atmosphere and entire educational program. Excellence in education is the hallmark that has come to be associated with Divine Mercy Catholic School.

Curriculum Areas

- ❖ Religion
- ❖ Social/Emotional Growth
- ❖ Reading/Writing Development
- ❖ Language Arts
- ❖ Math
- ❖ Science/Social Studies
- ❖ Art/Music
- ❖ Physical Development
- ❖ Spanish
- ❖ Computers
- ❖ Library

Religious Development

- Appreciate the presence of God in their lives
- Recognize self as a child of God, belonging to His family
- Know basic daily and meal time prayers
- Have a basic understanding of sacraments and church holy days

Reading & Writing Development

- Use meaning and structure for decoding, including use of pictures.
- Know and use consonant sounds
- Know and use long and short vowel sounds
- Know basic sight words
- Recognize rhyming words
- Sequence events within a story
- Read orally
- Self-correct when reading
- Use comprehension skills
- Compose a complete sentence
- Identify nouns and verbs in a sentence
- Apply capitalization rules and basic punctuation to written work
- Apply phonics skills in written work
- Write an organized composition
- Spell short, phonetic words
- Recall previously assigned words
- Hold pencil correctly
- Demonstrate correct letter placement and formation

Science Development

- Understand basic facts about Florida
- Learn about space and planets
- Demonstrate knowledge of basic nutrition
- Observe weather and recognize seasons
- Appreciate environmental

Math Development

- Sort/classify/compare
- Count by 2's, 5's, and 10's
- Construct/interpret a simple graph
- Recognize and sequence patterns
- Demonstrate problem solving skills
- Demonstrate addition/subtraction skills
- Time - hour and half hour
- Money - quarter, dime, nickel, penny
- Measurement
- Place value to tens

- Fractions - $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$

Social Studies Development

- Recognize famous people and their contributions to our world
- Compare communities of the past to the present
- Recognize different types of families
- Develop a basic understanding of map skills

Additional Enrichment Classes:

- Art
- Computer
- Library
- Music
- Physical Education
- Spanish
- Conservation