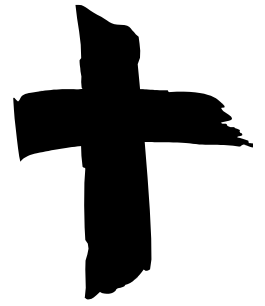




Divine Mercy Catholic School Grade 3



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 our educational mission as a quality Catholic education that integrates religion with the rest of 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 the Divine Mercy student.

Curriculum Areas

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

Religious Development

- Recognizes that God the Son became one of us
- Understands Jesus has power over life and death
- Recognizes that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit
- Understands the Church Year: Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Holy Days of Obligation, and Feast Days
- Examines the responsibilities of being part of a parish
- Identifies the seven sacraments
- Acts out the Stations of the Cross
- Understands the Four Marks of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic
- Prays using various methods
- Characterizes ways to continue Jesus' mission
- Develops attitudes such as loyalty, thankfulness, and forgiveness
- Develops positive attitudes of stewardship

Reading & Writing Development

- Reads for comprehension
- Reads a variety of materials
- Uses reading comprehension techniques of : predicting, summarizing, drawing conclusions, determining the main idea and supporting details, recognizing sequence, cause and effect, context clues and identifying an author's purpose
- Identifies story elements: setting, characterization, problem, and solution
- Expands vocabulary
- Identifies a complete sentence
- Classifies sentences into four types: statements, questions, commands, and exclamations
- Identifies subject, predicate and parts of speech: nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs
- Spells grade appropriate words
- Uses the writing process: prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing
- Writes complete sentences; using correct punctuation, capitalization, and grammar
- Writes a five-sentence paragraph with a topic sentence
- Writes for a variety of purposes
- Uses reference tools: dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses, encyclopedias, and approved internet sites
- Expands speaking and listening skills

Science Development

- Understands the scientific method
- Understands that all living things are made of cells
- Understands that plants produce energy through photosynthesis
- Identifies the functions of the parts of plants
- Understands the life cycles of plants and animals
- Compares the relationship between motion and force
- Examines the importance of proper nutrition, exercise, rest and hygiene for good

- health
- Improves scientific reasoning skills
- Discusses current events in Science
- Understands how advancements in scientific knowledge impact all areas of society

Social Studies Development

- Understands how individuals and events can influence history
- Uses a variety of sources and methods to understand history
- Understands how and why colonies, such as Jamestown, were established
- Describes the purpose of significant historical documents: the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights
- Understands the Great Migration and massive immigration that took place after the Civil War, and how they changed America
- Uses maps and globes to locate and identify landforms and oceans
- Uses map keys, scales, and compass rose
- Understands how changing transportation and communication technology have affected America
- Understands how the physical environment affects human activity
- Determines factors that affect our natural resources and ways to conserve these resources
- Understands the importance of government, rules, and laws
- Compares the purposes of local government and state government
- Understands the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship
- Identifies national holidays