**Kindergarten – Scope and Sequence**

**Religion**

Structure and Method – The Kindergarten students learn about God and their Catholic Faith through a developmental program based on the teachings of the Catholic Church including Scripture readings and participation in prayers, devotions and weekly Mass.

Book – *Finding God, Our Response to God’s Gifts*

*Finding God: Our Response to God’s Gifts* is based on a spiral curriculum that integrates the fundamental themes of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* with Scripture and Catholic social teachings. As children are introduced to and revisit concepts and vocabulary from one year to the next, their knowledge and experience both broaden and deepen as they grow in faith as committed disciples of Jesus.

Finding God covers the full and authentic teachings of the Catholic Church and rooted in Scripture, Church Tradition, and Ignatian spirituality, *Finding God: Our Response to God’s Gifts*™ starts children out on a life of intentional discipleship. This faith formation program for Kindergarten through Grade 8 helps foster a lived relationship with God through Jesus.

**Language Arts/Literature/Writing**

Structure and Method – All Units in *Journeys*. A research based comprehensive English Language Arts program developed by literary experts. The Kindergarten Journeys curriculum is six units long with each unit having a central theme to build on. *Journeys* also provides the children with a Catholic component to be brought into daily lessons and stories. The students develop their reading and writing skills through a program that is designed to expose students to various texts, constant progress assessment, vocabulary, and leveled readers. The Journeys program provides the students with a path for learning to read through anchor text, leveled readers and digital tools. The Kindergarten students will have daily lessons in rhyming, comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, writing and phonological awareness.

Book: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - *Journeys*

Language Arts - The Kindergarten students will be able to identify and manipulate the sounds of language, learn how the alphabet works, enjoy learning from books and stories, explore concepts in science and social studies, develop writing to share ideas and information, and engage in reading and writing experiences at which they can be successful. Instruction focuses on phonological and phonemic awareness that gives the students the opportunity to manipulate words, parts of words and sounds in words. At the beginning of the year, students work with words, syllables and rhymes. As students begin to explore the individual sounds in words, they first engage in oral blending to put sounds together to make words, and then they use segmentation to separate word into discrete sounds. Pre-Decodables are used to familiarize students with the printed form of high-frequency words, and later Decodables are used to help students practice decoding and build reading fluency. The students will develop comprehension skills by predicting, summarizing, understanding cause and effect, drawing conclusions, identifying the main idea, comparing and contrasting, and sequencing.

Literature – The Kindergarten students will develop the skills they need to become strategic readers and listeners with exposure to different themes, points of view, and new vocabulary. Prior knowledge discussions, critical thinking, and reading and listening for enjoyment are the most important components of the literature curriculum. The Kindergarten students will develop print awareness, the connections between illustrations and words, the left-to-right top-to-bottom progression of written language, and comprehension strategies. The students will be able to identify the main idea and details of a story, the main characters and setting of a story, the major genres, cause and effect, and problem and solution/resolution. The students will be able to use personal perspective in responding to literature and recognize rhymes, rhythm, and patterned structure. Guided Reading Groups will support all students’ reading development. The Accelerated Reading program will provide enrichment at each child’s individual reading level.

Writing – The Kindergarten students will develop writing skills through the writing process including planning, drafting, revising and publishing. The students will understand the writing process and the different genres of writing including descriptive, expository, narrative, persuasive, personal and poetry. They will be able to use end punctuation, spacing and capital letters correctly. They will attempt to spell words using their knowledge of phonemic awareness and sounds and letters.

**Phonological Awareness**

Structure and Method – The Spalding Method helps to develop skilled readers, critical listeners, and accomplished writers and spellers.

Book – Spalding Phonics

Kindergartners will practice sounds daily and have weekly written assignments. Students will work to put sounds together to make words. They will focus on the Fry Sight Word List of the first 100 words.

**Handwriting**

Structure and Method - This program provides developmentally appropriate handwriting instruction, delivered in a consistent ongoing manner.

Book – *Zaner-Bloser* *Handwriting*

Kindergartens will explore handwriting with the 4 Keys to Legibility – Shape, Size, Spacing, and Slant. Students will learn proper formation of the alphabet and numbers and will evaluate their writing and discover techniques to improve and refine their writing.

**Mathematics**

Structure and Method – The students learn Math through daily lessons, hands-on activities, real-world connections, literature and technology.  The program cultivates conceptual understanding and procedural fluency and provides explicit in-depth instruction in fundamental mathematical concepts, places a key emphasis on the development of higher order thinking skills and fluency with math vocabulary and throughout the program students are encouraged to reason adaptively, reflect on mathematical processes and patterns as well as their own ideas to cultivate mathematical proficiency and problem solving.

Book – *Sadlier Math*

*Sadlier Math* is a comprehensive core math program that provides a pedagogy that reflects the keystones of mathematical learning that empowers you to:

Kindergarten students will be able to foster their conceptual understanding and skill development with a cohesive grouping of lessons, explicit instruction, and guided and independent practice. Strengthen their metacognitive development and promote learning with abundant real-world problem solving and applications related to STREAM, and lastly, harness innovative support for teaching and learning with embedded professional development, robust digital tools, and a comprehensive assessment plan ([www.sadlier.com](http://www.sadlier.com)).

**Social Studies**

Structure and Method - The Kindergarten students will explore concepts, build knowledge, and transfer what they have learned beyond the classroom. Instruction is divided into 3 phases: Connect, Experience, and Understand. There are technological components available with this program.

Book - Scholastic – “Let’s Have Fun”

The Kindergarten students will explore the ideas of being a good citizen, rights and responsibilities, rules, leaders, and our country’s symbols and monuments. The students will gain understanding of needs and wants, how we use money, jobs people do, making choices, and goods and services. We will explore Geography and investigate where we live, where places are located, maps, cardinal directions, landforms, bodies of water, globes, weather, seasons, and Earth’s resources. As students learn about cultures, how people and families are alike and different, traditions, celebrations, national holidays and American folk heroes. Finally, Kindergartners will discover how life has changed through history, personal history, elements of time, measuring time, timelines, and American heroes from the past.

**Science**

Structure and Method – The students will be introduced to science concepts of Life, Physical, and Earth Science using interactive, online digital platforms and written instruction.

Book – McGraw Hill, *Inspire Science*

The Kindergarten students will develop a deep understanding of the 3 sciences using age-appropriate interactive activities, content knowledge, technology, collecting, recording and analyzing data, predicting and observing. Kindergartners will learn about Earth and Beyond, Living Things, Life Cycles, Habitats, our Five Senses, Weather, Water, Movement, Wind, Simple Systems, Magnets, Health and Safety

**Fine Motor Skills**

The Kindergartener students will learn to hold a pencil correctly, use top to bottom and left to right handwriting strokes, form letters and numbers correctly, hold scissors correctly, cut on lines, and color neatly inside lines.

**Gross Motor Skills**

The Kindergarten students will be able to hop on both feet together, hop on one foot (left and right), march, gallop, and skip.

**Social and Work Habits**

The Kindergarten students will put forth best effort in their work, take care of school materials, use self-control to follow school and classroom rules, work independently,

complete work in a reasonable amount of time, follow directions when given, listen attentively to others, stay on task, and willingly participate in activities.

**Additional Enrichment Programs:** IXL, Lalilo, Renaissance, ThinkCentral, Discovery Education, Sadlier Full Access