

Lower Elementary- Grades 1-3

The primary program at Pope John Paul II is designed to teach the whole child. We follow the Core Curriculum Standards as well as the standards set by the Trenton Diocese. Christian values are at the center of our teaching.

The Religion program stresses our Catholic faith. In 2nd grade the students are prepared for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Students are encouraged to practice their faith by offering their service and talents to others.

The Integrated Language Arts program introduces the students to the skills needed to become a good reader and writer. Emphasis is on phonetic development as well as writing, grammar, spelling and penmanship.

The Math program gives the students the opportunity to develop math concepts and skills. Each grade is keeping a math journal to build confidence in problem solving. Students are given the opportunity in the primary unit to use math manipulatives whenever needed.

Social Studies and Science gives the student the opportunity to explore the world around them. In Social Studies students learn about their families and their communities. They learn about special people and national holidays. Science class helps the student discover all that nature has to offer. They learn about their bodies and how they grow and change. They also study plants and animals as well as space and weather.