

Meet your instructors...



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Mrs. Funk

Education:
Associate of Science in Business Administration - Portland Community College
B.S. with a minor in Mathematics - Portland State University
Master of Education - Portland State University

How my faith influences teaching:

My faith, the Catholic faith, is in all that I teach. Whether we are talking about the early explorers and missionaries in social studies or the earth God created in science, I always look for ways to tie the subjects in to our Catholic faith. TO READ MORE ABOUT MRS. FUNK VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.VCSKNIGHTS.ORG



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Ms. McClean

Education:
B. A. Degree, English Literature - California State University, Northridge

Why I am a teacher:

I teach because of my own Life-Long Love of Learning. The World is a wide and wondrous place filled with rich history, beautiful literature, and enchanting works of art. I love having the opportunity to explore our diverse human heritage with the young people in my classes.

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SIXTH GRADE CURRICULUM

Fifth and Sixth grade is a blended classroom. Information regarding rotating curriculums is found inside of your brochure. Please speak to your classroom teacher about the benefits of blended classrooms.

Your teachers are: Mrs. Funk and Ms. McClean

MISSION STATEMENT

Visitation is a Catholic Parish School that prepares students to be responsible citizens and life-long learners committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

KEY AREAS OF STUDY

RELIGION

- * Study of the Old Testament, liturgy, prayers, and service
- * Learn about Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Noah, Joseph, and the Covenant with God
- * Discuss how God frees the Hebrews from slavery
- * Study how the Israelites turn away from God and are forced to leave their homeland
- * Discuss how Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise of a Messiah
- * Relate the Old Testament stories to our lives

LANGUAGE ARTS

Writing:

- * Continued practice of the 5 paragraph essay
- * Strengthening the topic sentence with supportive details
- * Introduction to how to write a persuasive letter

Spelling:

- * Practice grade level words, vocabulary, and decoding skills

Grammar:

- * Distinguish between the different parts of speech and usage
- * In depth analysis of prepositions, conjunctions and interjections to support strong sentence structure

Reading:

- * Concentration in the 5 critical areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and text comprehension
- * Read from a variety of fiction and non-fiction sources

MATHEMATICS

- * Order, model and compare positive rational numbers
- * Add, subtract, multiply, and divide percents, decimals, mixed numbers, and fractions with like and unlike denominators
- * Represent and evaluate algebraic expressions involving two variables
- * Model and solve problems using representations such as graphs, tables, and equations
- * Determine and use formulas for finding perimeter and area of rectangles, triangles, circles and other polygons
- * Convert from one unit of measurement to another unit within the same system

SOCIAL STUDIES

- * Distinguish between the 5 themes of geography
- * Distinguish between different landforms and causes for natural disasters
- * Describe different bodies of water, climates, and vegetations throughout the world
- * Examine between different cultures and ethnic groups throughout the world
- * Describe physical features, climates, and economic activities of the United States

SCIENCE

- * Use the scientific method to explore, experiment, and inquire about the natural world
- * Investigate plant growth, animal adaptations, and climate
- * Investigate matter, atoms, light, sound, and electricity
- * Discover changes in the Earth's crust and resources, and explore space

HEALTH

- * *Steps to Respect*: an anti bullying program
- * A focus on healthy choices such as good nutrition, exercise, and avoiding drugs, alcohol, and tobacco
- * Study of control systems of the body as well as growth and development

ART

- * Taught in art class as well as integrated throughout all subject areas
- * Development of art principles such as line, color, texture, form etc. through the use of different medium (watercolor, paint, collage, mosaics, sketches, and sculpture)



****Fifth and Sixth grade is a blended classroom with a rotating curriculum in Religion, Social Studies, Science, and Health. The course work provided ensures that every student experiences age-appropriate and sequential instruction across the curriculum. Please speak with your classroom teacher to identify the current year's curriculum topics.****

➤ Physical Education, Music, Choir, Spanish, Library, and Technology are taught by specialists trained in these areas

➤ Further curriculum enrichment includes: field trips, guest speakers, service projects, reading incentive program and other extracurricular activities