

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.



SEVENTH GRADE CURRICULUM

Seventh and Eighth 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.

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KEY AREAS OF STUDY

RELIGION

- * Introduce the Mystery of the Incarnation including the New Testament and the birth and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- * Discuss the meaning of the kingdom along with Jesus' preaching and the Gospels
- * Introduce the Christian life and how we can be more Christ like
- * Discuss the Paschal Mystery
- * Discuss how to spread the good news as members of the Church just as Paul and the apostles did

LANGUAGE ARTS

Writing:

- * Mastery of the 5 paragraph essay
- * Introduction of writing to different types of audiences and purposes

Spelling:

- * Recognize high level words and meanings

Grammar:

- * Include correct English usage, subject-verb agreement, parts of speech, and verb tenses
- * Write in complete sentences using clauses and compound and complex sentences

Reading:

- * Age appropriate novels of different genres
- * Relating personal experiences and comprehension strategies to better understand reading materials
- * Using age appropriate vocabulary strategies

MATHEMATICS

- * Focus on Pre-Algebra concepts
- * Read, write, represent, order and compare decimals and convert between percent, fractions, and decimals
- * Read, write, represent, order, and compare integers and give examples of their use
- * Apply order of operations including exponents, to simplify calculations and evaluate expressions
- * Represent and interpret data using frequency distribution tables, box-and-whisker plots, stem-and-leaf plots, and single and multiple line graphs
- * Algebraically represent situations and solve problems
- * Recognize and work with positive and negative numbers, rational and irrational numbers, real numbers, and absolute value
- * Sort, identify, describe and compare all types of polygons, prisms, pyramids, and cylinders

SOCIAL STUDIES

- * Study of important people and places in world history
- * In-depth look of ancient cultures such as the early Mesopotamia civilizations, the Romans, and Greeks
- * A detailed look at the rise and fall of pivotal people, empires and nations in the Early Ages, Middle Ages, Renaissance, Reformation, and Age of Exploration

SCIENCE

- * Focus on experimentation using the scientific method
- * Describe interactions among plants, animals, viruses and other living organisms
- * Investigate energy, work, and machines
- * Discover the Earth's elements, minerals, rocks, ocean floor, and resources

HEALTH

- * Focus on the effect of nutrition, exercise, drugs, and alcohol on our body
- * Study body support and movement
- * Understand the digestive, circulatory, and respiratory systems
- * Understand the organs that regulate our body and growth and development

ART

- * Taught in art class as well as integrated throughout all subject areas
- * Art History
- * Emphasis on value of colors and shapes



Seventh and Eighth 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