

Intermediate Grades Benchmarks GRADES 3-5

Language Arts

- Demonstrate critical thinking skills in written responses
- Acquire proofreading, revising, and visualizing skills
- Engage in independent reading and literature circles

Mathematics

- Work with fractions and decimals
- Compute three digit multiplication and division
- Interpret information from patterns and graphs
- Understand basic Geometry

Science

- Develop skills required for making scientific measurements
- Investigate problem solving strategies
- Study Physical, Life and Earth Sciences and Astronomy

Social Studies

- Learn about similarities and differences of self and others throughout the world
- Develop reasoning, analytical, and critical thinking skills
- Understand exploration of the western hemisphere and its effect upon the world
- Learn about the history of the United States

Religion

- Acquire knowledge about Catholic beliefs, worship and prayer
- Understand the sacraments and their importance in tradition and ritual
- Develop a greater understanding of the liturgical year and seasons

Art

- Use increasing sensitivity, perception and visual expression in artwork
- Identify the work of various Fine Artists
- Use a variety of techniques to reflect individual development of art literacy

Music

- Understand advanced musical elements, including diminuendo, crescendo, forte
- Investigate the lives of musicians and their musical contributions

Technology

- Demonstrate efficient word-processing skills
- Use the Internet to navigate and research topics
- Move textual data from on document to another

Physical Education

- Emphasize teamwork, sportsmanship and basic strategies
- Improve motor skills and hand/eye coordination

Foreign Language—Spanish

- Build basic vocabulary and practice in written and oral communication
- Refine pronunciation
- Learn about the culture and traditions of Spanish speaking countries