



Building Faith &
KNOWLEDGE
for Life!

Contact us to enroll your child
for the upcoming school year!

- ◆ K-3 – K-4 CDC
- ◆ Kindergarten – 5th Grade
- ◆ NEW Middle School
Beginning with 6th
Grade for 2010-2011

info@sjccs.net



St. Joseph
Catholic Church
& School
1200 Cornelia Road
Anderson, SC 29621
864-225-5341

www.sjccs.net



You want the best for your child.
Education ♦ Values ♦ Future

The foundation of a Catholic education can result in a lifetime of rewards.

At the core of this foundation are the fundamental values upheld at St. Joseph Catholic Church & School, which are:

- ◆ **Forming Faith**—Our students are expected to exemplify Christian values at school, at home, and in the community. Each day begins and ends with grateful recognition of our blessings.
- ◆ **Instilling Knowledge**—Your child receives guidance and a strong foundation in intellectual, spiritual, and social development.
- ◆ **Nurturing Family**—Our church and school welcomes all people of any denomination or religion and recognize parents to be the primary educators of their children. We believe in parent-teacher partnership.
- ◆ **Fostering Respect**—Regardless of their economic status, religious beliefs or special circumstances, all students are treated equally and with decency. All are encouraged to see Christ in others.
- ◆ **Inspiring Excellence**—We believe in full accountability to the highest standards and subscribe to each student being responsible for his/her own progress and achievements.

Today, our Language Arts & Reading curriculum has expanded its emphasis through the addition of modern technology and teaching techniques, which reinforce these important values that make it possible to achieve success in every endeavor.

We are dedicated to teaching more than just excellent academics—we want all students to reach their full potential in life...*and beyond.*

Curriculum Progression



◇ Kindergarten Curriculum

Extend/review letter recognition; Letter/sound relationship; High-frequency words; Beginning to read; Grammar; Punctuation; Phonetic Reading; Oral Reading; Rhymes; Literature; Comprehension; Predict Outcomes; Drama; Poetry

◇ First Grade Curriculum

Short and long vowels; Consonant blends and diagraphs; Suffixes; Contractions; High frequency words; Reinforcement of phonetic skills; Predicting; Sequencing; Story elements- setting, plot, characters, problem; Identify main ideas and supporting details; Compare and contrast; Draw conclusions; Cause/Effect; Fact/Fantasy; Alphabetical order; Author's purpose; Oral reading; Applied spelling; Phonetic spelling; High frequency words

◇ Second Grade Curriculum

Story elements - setting, characters, plots, problem, and solutions; Read high-frequency words; Author's purpose; Identify main idea and supporting details; Make, confirm, revise predictions; Draw conclusions; Oral reading; Sentence structure; Types of speech: common and proper nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions; Development of stories and poems; Reference and research materials; Synonyms and antonyms; Suffixes/prefixes; Compound words; Synonyms/antonyms/homonyms; Alphabetical order; Contractions

◇ Third Grade Curriculum

Alphabetical order; Development of stories and poems; Reference and research materials; Oral reports; Synonyms and antonyms; Make, confirm, revise predictions; Compare and Contrast; Draw conclusions; Oral reading; Identify main ideas and supporting details; Reading for comprehension; Story elements, ; setting, plot, characters, theme, cause and effect, and author's purpose

◇ Fourth Grade Curriculum

Reading comprehension strategies; Relate ideas, organize information; Summarize and draw conclusions; Figurative and literal language; Specialized vocabulary; Completing forms ; Alphabetizing; Reference sources; Types of sentences; Singular and plural nouns; Verb Tenses; Descriptive adjectives; Parts of speech; Capitalization; Sentence combining; Narrative and expository writing; Persuasive ; Writing; Listening strategies; Development of stories; Penmanship

◇ Fifth Grade Curriculum

Comprehensive emphasis on grammar, word usage, and language mechanics; Continuous instruction and guided practice of handwriting, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure; Exposure to and appreciation for literary forms and techniques through literature circles and novels; Integration of all subject areas to broaden students' perspective in their learning; Emphasis on reading comprehension; Vocabulary instruction and practice on and above grade level; Continuous enhancement of listening and speaking skills, such as *Poetry Tea in Spring* and various student presentations through the curriculum

"The world has never known a humbler teacher than the Word of God Himself..."

~ Servant of God,
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

~Joseph Addison,
English Poet

A Catholic education is the perfect platform from which to launch your child's higher education ambition.

The best start for your child can be found at St. Joseph Catholic Church & School.

We invite you to learn more. *Our students do!*