

Unit B at St. Athanasius



At St. Athanasius, we educate and nurture the whole child. Our foundation — Love, Learn, Lead — fosters success by combining academic integrity with emotional, physical and spiritual guidance. From junior kindergarten through eighth grade, our students are part of an enriching, faith-filled experience. Through our vibrant curriculum and school life — including the arts, athletics, religion, service, an engaging STEM lab and two foreign languages — we graduate life-long learners prepared for the adventures and rigors of high school. We are honored to be a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

Educating & Nurturing the Whole Child

St. A's embraces individual learning styles and helps students become self-directed, faith-filled leaders. We challenge students to master core subjects while they develop skills in critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity. Our approach also includes compassion — an important part of our holistic program. Our blend of academics, service and co-curricular activities prepares students to meet the school-related and the moral challenges in life.

All grades offer teachers and specialists in the areas of art, music, P.E., technology, STEM education, French and Spanish.

Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade use Math in Focus. Mathematicians are problem solvers first. When children can't find the meaning in numbers and symbols, problem solving is a struggle. Math in Focus helps students learn the language of math. Through hands-on learning, visualization, and pictorial representations, their understanding, confidence, and love of math grows.

Grades 1 through 4 (Units A & B) comprise our primary and elementary school.

These school years are a time of foundational learning, creative play and establishing a life-long love of education. Skills build and strengthen in core areas of reading, writing and math. Through religion, social studies and science, students explore faith, community, the country and our world.

A student in primary or elementary school may be...

- learning art based on the works of Van Gogh and Kandinsky;
- learning to play piano or the flute;
- mastering map skills and learning about citizenship;
- studying both French and Spanish;
- on a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry to study extreme weather or simple machines.

There are multiple points of contact in these early years. Classroom teachers, learning and resource specialists, and teacher aides work together to support instruction and mastery. Older “buddies”, small class sizes and our Unit System, create safe, nurturing environments. In addition, the home-school connection allows teachers and parents to stay bonded over their child's achievements. Students move around the school for specials, maintain HERO (Have-Everything-Ready-and-Organized) binders and exercise early executive functioning.

Grades 1 and 2 have the HERO and grades 3 and 4 have an OWL (Organized Weekly Learning) binder.

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Grade 3

- Severe Weather Shelter STEM activity
- Multiplication Boot Camp: January
- Force and Motion Carnival: June

Grade 4

- Totem poles - Each year we make a class totem pole to finish our Native American Unit. Students also make a family totem pole with animals to represent their family.
- Biographies - Students come dressed as someone they admire or want to learn more about and teach the class.

