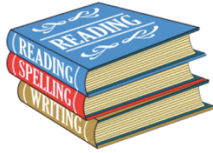
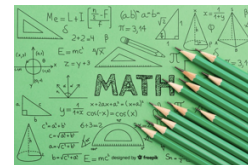


ENGLISH & LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)



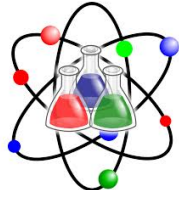
- SLKF provides students with the skills necessary to read, comprehend and evaluate material in order to express themselves through written and verbal communication. 1st – 7th grade use both a writing and grammar series.
- Reading and Language Arts are taught as separate subjects at SLKF.
- SLKF's ELA curriculum includes phonics, spelling, grammar, silent and oral reading, story time, creative writing activities, reading skills, grammar, vocabulary, oral presentation, critical thinking skills, creative writing, including writing stories, poetry, essays, books, research projects, letters, editorials, and plays.
- PreK through 7th grade students learn how to express their thoughts and ideas by completing daily journal entries.
- Guest speakers, such as authors, librarians, journalists, etc., field trips, and live stage performances allow the students to witness their ELA lessons at work.
- Lower and middle school students are introduced to novels in order to enhance their reading comprehension, inference skills, vocabulary building, sequencing, figurative language.
- Analytical writing activities accompany the students reading assignments to continue the development of their writing skills.
- Grammar is emphasized with daily sentence activities, proofreading marks, peer editing and peer responding activities, writing exercises using story prompts, sentence builders, rubrics, and structured topics.

MATHEMATICS



- SLKF utilizes a math series that is aligned with the State of Louisiana Academic Standards and contains algebra readiness skills beginning as early as Kindergarten.
- Math skills are taught in both numerical form and in word problems.
- Along with traditional teaching methods, such as whiteboard and projector work, oral drills, problem solving, hands-on math activities, critical thinking skills, mental math exercises, cooperative learning, peer tutoring and back-to-back basics philosophy are employed.
- Students utilize MathXL on an individual basis in order for teachers to track their progress and tailor individual lessons as needed.
- Students become proficient in math skills that prepare them for high school math courses.

SCIENCE



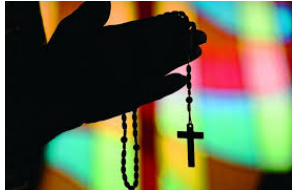
- SLKF students enjoy a hands-on, multi-sensory, experience-based science curriculum from Pre-K through 7th grade.
- Science lessons are supplemented by a number of computer programs, video sources, and lab activities when it enhances the lesson.
- Guest speakers are invited and field trips are scheduled to enhance science lessons.
- Science teachers are equipped with age appropriate materials and furnishings needed for the science curriculum.
- Kindergarten science include thematic units on topics such as butterflies, plants, the solar system, weather, the senses and the seasons.
- 1st-7th grade students are taught an integrated science program which includes physical, earth, and life sciences.
- Students are encouraged to develop analytical, critical, and creative thinking skills.
- Middle school students implement the scientific method of investigation. Students are taught to state the problem, hypothesize, infer, collect data, and draw conclusions.
- Scientific research is carried over into Library class where students are taught how to properly research a topic.
- Students create models, graphs, and perform lab experiments.
- 6th grade students are given the opportunity to attend space camp in Huntsville, Alabama for three days as a culmination of their studies about space.

SOCIAL STUDIES



- SLKF Social Studies curriculum strives to increase students' understanding of the past and present world and instill a desire to become involved citizens in our republic.
- Kindergarten – 4th grade social studies textbooks are supplemented with seasonal units on Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving feasts, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and many other worldly celebrations.
- Field trips to the Cabildo, working farms, fire stations, etc. provide historical background and a sense of community.
- 5th-7th grade students focus on American and World history.
- All grades focus on geography throughout their studies.
- Students may participate in mock elections, hieroglyphics printing, creating a nation complete with its own government, geographic location and flag.
- Middle school students create a living wax museum of prominent historic figures. Their presentation includes a research paper on their figure as well as a speech to allow their audience to learn more about their chosen figure.
- SLKF's social studies curriculum includes note-taking skills, vocabulary study, the use of newspapers to complete research, and proper research skills in the library and on the internet.
- Group discussions regarding historical events are encouraged during class in an atmosphere that promotes a respect and understanding for differences.
- 7th grade students are given the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of American history and government by taking a 5-day trip to Washington, D.C.

RELIGION



- SLKF strives to teach students that Catholicism is not just a class but a way of life.
- All students are responsible for the subject matter presented in religion class. Religious beliefs of the Catholic faith are not forced upon non-Catholic students but they are expected to complete all assessments.
- Each day begins with a prayer and sharing of intentions.
- Students are taught about the Sacraments, different types of prayer, church history, Catholic social teachings and service to others.
- 2nd graders prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.
- Kindergarten – 7th grade students attend mass weekly.
- Students celebrate Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist, Advent, Stations of the Cross, Blessing of the Pets, Living Rosary, Catholic Schools Week, and May Crowning.
- Middle school students complete service hours throughout the year. Opportunities are presented by SLKF or students can complete approved service hours outside of school.
- 4th grade students present the Passion Play on Holy Thursday.
- 7th grade students present the Living Nativity before Christmas holidays begin.
- 5th-6th grade students attend a day retreat together. 7th grade students attend a 2-day retreat at Camp Abbey.
- 25% of our student body report faiths other than Catholicism.

LIBRARY



- SLKF students in PK2-7th grade visit library once per week.
- Students enjoy song, story time, proper book handling skills, pre-reading skills, read-alouds, and checking out books.
- Students are introduced to authors and illustrators and their roles in creating books.
- Students are taught how to navigate a library to find proper books for their needs.
- Fluency and comprehension skills are practiced during library.
- 1st-7th grade students gain access to *World Book Online* to learn how to conduct proper research for class projects/papers.
- 2nd grade students create an original book and present them at an SLKF Crusader Publishing Party at the end of the year.
- 3rd-7th grade students learn the Dewey Decimal System and how to utilize SLKF's library catalog on *Destiny Quest*.
- 4th-7th grade students perfect the skill of citing sources for research papers in order to prevent plagiarism.
- 5th-7th grade students focus on study skills.
- 5th-7th grade students are taught how to access parish public library databases and conduct research outside of the SLKF library.
- 6th grade students create an original book using Medieval bookmaking skills.
- 6th grade students create a Louisiana history timeline presented during LA Project Night.
- 7th grade students perfect their research and writing skills in order to complete their end of year term paper in their senior year.

COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY



- SLKF students in PK4-7th grade visit the computer lab once per week.
- SLKF's computer lab is equipped with 26 Apple iMac computers. Each student logs in to a computer in order to follow the lesson that is projected onto two large screens controlled by the teacher.
- PK3 classrooms are equipped with Apple iMac computers to introduce computer skills and lessons inside the classroom.
- 1st-4th grade students have access to Chromebook towers to utilize in their classrooms.
- 5th-7th grade students purchase Chromebooks to utilize throughout their middle school years. Middle school computers are students' personal property and are taken home nightly to complete assignments as well as used during class time.
- Students are instructed in computer literacy, internet skills and safety, keyboarding skills, office applications, Google suite, digital photography, podcasting, and audio/visual recording.
- PK2-7th grade classrooms are equipped with Smart Boards. Teachers also have access to ELMO classroom projectors and interactive software programs to integrate into their lessons.

MUSIC & DRAMA



- SLKF students in PK1-7th grade attend music class once per week.
- In the early years, students explore musical concepts and notation recognition.
- 1st-4th grade students begin learning how to read music.
- 3rd graders begin choral and recorder lessons, as well as lessons in composing music.
- 4th graders begin piano lessons.
- 5th-7th graders learn how to read, perform, and compose music. While continuing choral, recorder, and piano lessons.
- 5th – 7th graders also utilize drums, xylophones, and percussion instruments.
- 5th-7th graders learn the fundamentals of music and vocal health while learning liturgical, classical, Broadway, and gospel tunes.
- 5th-7th graders have an opportunity to join the Crusader Church Choir and sing at mass every Friday. Choir members also perform in a Mass for the Rosary Congress and perform Christmas tunes in local New Orleans hotel lobbies.
- Members of the choir can be chosen for the All-District and All-State Honors Choir.
- SLKF Drama Productions debuts a musical every spring. 5th-7th grade students can audition for acting roles, stage and set design, lighting, stage direction, props, hair & make-up.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



- SLKF students in PK1-7th grade participate in P.E. once per week.
- P.E. for PK1 students takes place in their classroom or on their playground, weather dependent, and focuses on ball handling, hand/eye coordination, turn taking, and following directions.
- PK2-Kindergarten report to the gym for P.E. where skills are developed at an age appropriate level. Every class begins with stretches followed by an organized game.
- 1st-7th grade students report to the gym for P.E. and are allowed time to change into their P.E. uniforms. Classes begin with a weekly routine of stretches followed by organized games.
- P.E. focuses on physical fitness and skills development in both individual and team sports.
- Focus is also emphasized on positive attitude, cooperation, sportsmanship, leadership, and having fun.
- P.E. focuses on building leadership skills and self-esteem.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE



- SLKF students in PK1 – 7th grades are taught Spanish.
- Spanish focuses on learning numbers, colors, basic greetings and other rudimentary vocabulary.
- Students are exposed to the Spanish language through song, reading, writing, videos, text, and one on one conversation with the Spanish teacher.
- Spanish grammar principles and basic conversation skills are presented with more complex skills as students progress through the years.
- 5th-7th grade students take an annual field trip to a Spanish restaurant for lunch and are required to order their food in Spanish and hold conversations at the table in Spanish.
- 5th-7th grade students create postcards and flyers on a Spanish speaking country. All text included on the project must be presented in Spanish.
- 5th-7th grade students celebrate Cinco de Mayo with traditional Spanish foods.
- SLKF students are prepared for high school level courses in Spanish.