

## **SPECIAL AREA CLASSES**

### ***PHYSICAL EDUCATION (2 semesters)***

Each class begins with brief warm-up activities. Emphasis is placed on cardiovascular and muscular endurance, and muscular strength. We use skill activities that are developmentally appropriate for the age group. The younger students are guided to develop in the areas of creative play and social interaction skills. Older students learn fundamental sports skills and sportsmanship.

### ***ART (2 semesters)***

The art curriculum is based on the “Elements of Art”. This curriculum includes line, shape, value, texture and color. A variety of techniques are explored through drawing, painting and mixed media projects. Students will be exposed to famous artists and craftspeople. They will learn to identify and appreciate individual styles.

### ***MUSIC (2 semesters)***

The PCS music department offers a well-rounded view of Christian, classical, jazz, traditional and contemporary music. Our goal is not only to provide your child with a good basic understanding of music theory, but to also nurture each child’s musical talents and interest.

Beginning instruction will include basic rhythm drills designed to be fun while developing beginning musical skills, general musical instrument identification and an overview of music history. Basic instruction with instruments includes recorders in third grade, zithers in fourth grade, keyboards in fifth grade, and acoustic guitar and hand bells in middle school. By the end of third grade, students will be able to read simple music pieces. By the end of fifth grade, students will be able to read more complex music and to compose a piece using a bible verse of their choosing. Performances highlight the students’ talents and abilities by using contemporary Christian songs integrated into structured and entertaining musical showcases.

### ***COMPUTER (2 semesters)***

Our technology program is designed to provide our students with practical computer literacy training in a challenging academic environment. The focus is on students learning how to use the computer as a tool by creating practical projects using a variety of application software. Students use on-line resources to perform research, as well as, develop graphic design, spreadsheet, and word processing skills to enhance their classroom presentations. On-line resources are filtered by Christian-Net.

### ***SPANISH (2 semesters)***

Our Spanish class will focus attention on the language and culture of Spanish speaking society. The goal is to provide the students with a vocabulary foundation that will prepare them to enter conversational Spanish in Middle School. The curriculum used is “Viva al Espanol” and “Let’s Learn Spanish”.

### ***LIBRARY (2 semesters)***

The goals in the library are to familiarize students with the organization of a library and the use of library materials. Research and study skills are reinforced through thematic instructional units. Students are introduced to different literary genres and reading is encouraged as an important life skill. All students participate in the Accelerated Reader program.