

**Elementary Program  
Special Subjects**

**Art: Grades 1 - 5**



The elementary art program at NCS emphasizes the elements of art taught in the context of cultures and historical perspectives. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have the opportunity to receive art instruction once a week. During this time the art teacher provides time for instruction and time for students to engage in artistic endeavors. Throughout the program the teacher provides cross-curricular opportunities to support classroom instruction, lessons on art within culture and lessons on specific artists and their genres. Students and parents alike appreciate art class with its emphasis on process and yet the children are consistently pleased with their individual products.

**Computers-Technology: Grades 1 - 5**



Technology is important for communicating and manipulating information. The things students learn in the elementary specials program will prepare them for progressively higher levels of education and ultimately the work force. Young students start with the basics of turning on a computer, continue to learn the keyboard to illustrate text with graphics and then the students will graduate to a point where they can write a properly formatted report and create an audio visual presentation. A key focus of course work at each grade level is the integration of technology skills with classroom assignments. At the end of fifth grade students should have confidence when using Microsoft Word and Power Point. They should also have basic trouble shooting skills on the computer.



**Library: Grades K - 5**



Library science skills are taught each week in the elementary program at NCS. Students are taught to use computers to find books, both hard copy and electronic versions, and to find resources for research and information. Included in the library science program are components of internet safety. The designated curriculum provides information on safe search sites, danger on the internet and other components of cyber safety. The librarian and assistants provide support for students as they work through the Accelerated Reader program.

**General Music: Grades K – 5**



In elementary music we strive to provide as many varied musical activities as possible. These include, but are not limited to, singing, listening, music history, movement, playing instruments, reading the notes on the staff, and each grade level participates in at least one public performance during the school year. This encourages music participation and prepares our students to make wise choices about elective classes in middle school and high school.

**Instrumental Music: Grades 4 and 5**



Music is an eternal activity and our students have the opportunity to learn to play instrumentally beginning in the fourth grade. Fourth graders are taught to read music and to play the recorder. Through this portion of the music program students are introduced to instruments. In the fifth grade students are invited to join the beginning band. Students are taught about their instrument, where it belongs in the band family, and how to play it with confidence. Several concerts are held throughout the school year as parents enjoy the developmental process of instrumental music. Those students enjoying the benefits



of learning to play an instrument are invited to continue through the secondary band program.

### **Physical Education: Grades K - 5**



The elementary PE program at NCS provides developmental activities and games for all students. Students are encouraged to learn how their muscles work, how to do basic skills for all sports and how to play team games. In addition students are given opportunities to develop coordination in cup stacking as well as component of health and a healthy lifestyle. In this program students learn game rules, skills for traditional games and practice cooperation and problem solving.

### **Spanish: Grades 3 – 5**



Spanish is taught in the elementary program with a focus on conversation, vocabulary and the conjugation of verbs. Students are interactive in conversation, technology is utilized for the memorization of vocabulary and creative teaching abounds in each grade level.

### **Student Educational Services: Grades K - 5**

Many students need extra help and the reinforcement that a classroom teacher cannot always provide. Students enrolled in this program will be given encouragement and academic support during each session as they work on class work and assignments. The Student Educational Services teacher will also work with your child's teacher in order to provide reinforcement for concepts covered in class.



### **Chapel: Grades K – 5**



Each week the elementary students at NCS meet to sing songs of praise to God and to learn more about His great love for children. Students and teachers lead worship with singing and teachers and outside speakers come to chapel to share from God's Word. Classroom teachers or children may share what they are learning about God or about how they are serving Him. Chapel is a special time each week, parents are invited to join the elementary students and teachers. If you have questions about NCS Chapel or if you would like to speak or lead worship please contact Dawna Underwood, 602-978-5134 or [dunderwood@ncsaz.org](mailto:dunderwood@ncsaz.org).