



ST. ANDREW'S  
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

*Cherishing Childhood, Developing Character,  
Cultivating Leaders*



# Core Values



St. Andrew's students, faculty, and staff strive to uphold a set of ten Core Values, which are emphasized regularly in Morning Exercises, in the classroom, on the playing fields, and on stage. The Values are a direct manifestation of the St. Andrew's Mission, Philosophy, Educational Objectives, and Honor Code. They represent an essential component of the School's intentional emphasis on character development and decision-making.

Respect      Service      Faith      Nurture      Personal Integrity  
Honesty      Gratitude      Diversity      Kindness      Social Responsibility

## Highlights

**Academic Excellence:** St. Andrew's Episcopal School offers an environment in which children develop confidence, achieve academic success, and embrace a lifelong love of learning.

**Music & Visual Arts:** Classes in music and visual arts foster a challenging, creative, exciting educational environment of diversity and open inquiry that values both faith and reason. The arts promote moral and spiritual development and educate the whole child, including intellectual, personal, social, physical, and aesthetic development. Every student at St. Andrew's has music and art classes weekly.

**Integrated Technology:** St. Andrew's students learn in a dynamic, stimulating environment in which the use of technology is integrated into the curriculum beginning in 1st Grade, with students having a computer class in our Media Center that includes Apple desktop computers and iPads. We also have a 1:1 laptop program where each student beginning in second grade is issued a wireless laptop that allows learning to extend beyond classroom walls. In addition, each classroom is equipped with a SmartBoard for interactive learning.

**Daily Physical Education:** Through physical education play and team sports, students learn problem solving and teamwork skills that underscore every aspect of a St. Andrew's education.

**Cardinal Traditions:** A child's education at St. Andrew's is grounded in one-of-a-kind traditions that are also unforgettable learning experiences. Students at every level look forward to projects and performances that challenge them, capture their imaginations, and instill in them a sense of community.

**Religious Foundation:** St. Andrew's encourages faith formation and moral development by providing worship services, classroom instruction and opportunities for reflection and inquiry. Our students are excited about learning and about giving back to others through community service.



# The Cottage

**12 MONTHS - 3 YEARS OF AGE**

Year-Round | Monday - Friday | 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

St. Andrew's Cottage offers a small, nurturing environment in which children play to learn and begin to develop a lifelong love of learning. Our program is designed to support the total development of young children in a safe and secure environment.

The 1's and 2's curriculum is child-driven. Through intentionally planned activities and learning center experiences, our teachers facilitate the development of cognitive, expressive, and receptive communication skills, as well as fine and large motor skills. Whole group, small group, and individual activities are all part of our curriculum. Frog Street Three's curriculum, used in our PK3 classes, helps our 3's transition from parallel to interactive play which increases their language capacity, mobile skills, and affection and concern for their peers. Frog Street Threes meets key areas of development for three-year-olds: Social Bridge, Literacy Development, and Foundational Math. In addition, our 3's participate in enrichment classes, including art, library, religion, music, Spanish, and Physical Education.

We partner with our parents to provide a loving, caring environment which supports the child's social and emotional development. The Cottage also promotes outdoor play as a valued part of each day and offers nutritious meals for breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack to all children.

## Daily Schedule

- 7:30 am Drop Off/Morning Invitation
- 9:00 am Breakfast/Diapers/Potty
- 9:30 am Free Play/Small Group
- 10:00 am Circle Time/Planned Activity
- 11:00 am Outside Play
- 11:30 am Diapers/Potty/Lunch
- 12:00 pm Nap/Rest Time
- 2:30 pm Clean Up/Diapers/Potty
- 3:00 pm Outside Play
- 3:30 pm Snack
- 4:00 pm Free Play/Diapers/Potty
- 6:00 pm Cottage Closes



# PK & K

4 - 5 YEAR OLDS

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten are magical at St. Andrew's!

We believe that the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten years are among the most important in a child's life. With our atmosphere of warmth and caring and our emphasis on making learning a happy experience, St. Andrew's is a very special place for children to begin their educational journey.

Our teachers help each child develop personal responsibility and positive self-esteem. Creative play, large and small group instruction, and individualization enable students to progress at their appropriate pace.

A lead teacher and an associate teacher lead each Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten class. De la Vega Hall, offers bright, spacious classrooms, indoor play and paint areas, and extra spaces for small group work.

In Pre-Kindergarten, we emphasize language arts, math readiness, art, music, science, Spanish, and motor skill development. Kindergarten furthers these goals as students learn to read, write, and use the computer. Specialized teachers in art, music, library, physical education, Chapel, and Spanish work with all children in the KinderCottage.



## Highlights

- Literacy Development
- Math Readiness
- Investigating & Exploration through Science & Social Studies
- Creativity through Art, Music, and Drama
- Daily PE and Outdoor Play
- Chapel Time with Emphasis on Character Development
- Spanish



# Lower School

1ST GRADE - 4TH GRADE

St. Andrew's Lower School curriculum for students in Grades 1–4 helps each child acquire knowledge and problem solving skills. Our curriculum promotes critical thinking, strong work ethic, personal responsibility and intellectual curiosity that our students benefit from throughout their lives. Our goal is to foster a desire for learning. We offer a well-planned, sequential course of study in language arts, mathematics, science, Spanish, and social studies. Art, music, technology, and daily physical education enrich our program. All children regularly use the library to find books, to gather information for assignments, and to research topics of interest. Language arts skills are finely tuned through many different hands-on creative writing projects. By writing and illustrating their own "bare" books every year, all Lower School children become authors. Lower School students present a play each year to School assemblies in addition to performing music and creating props for other School events, such as the annual Christmas service of Lessons and Carols. Teachers incorporate students' individual interests into classroom activities to support their emotional, spiritual, and academic growth.



"St. Andrew's is like home away from home."

– 4th Grade Student



# Middle School

5TH GRADE - 8TH GRADE

St. Andrew's Middle School curriculum is designed to be responsive to our students' developmental needs and moral development as well as to spark their interests and imaginations. The curriculum challenges students to become active participants and collaborators in their learning experience. In the Middle School, students are intellectually engaged and develop initiative so they may reach their potential as responsible citizens. Students are expected to master skills in the core subjects of language arts, math, science, and social studies. They become competent users of technology in their studies and continue to build a solid foundation in a foreign language. Life skills and physical education classes involve students learning about themselves, relationships with others, goal-setting, and team work. Music and art classes are scheduled weekly, and students produce and perform plays for the School community. St. Andrew's encourages faith formation and character development through Chapel, Eucharist, and practicing our core values. In addition students take part in outreach activities in the community through service projects. Middle School at St. Andrew's offers many opportunities for a student to be a leader and a team player. Upon graduation, St. Andrew's students have a solid academic foundation and are very well prepared for high school, college, and life beyond.



“St. Andrew's teachers instill confidence in the children and set them up for success each and every day. My children look forward to going to school.”

— 5th Grade Parent





# What Makes St. Andrew's *Special?*

At St. Andrew's Episcopal School our mission is to educate the mind, body, and spirit of children by promoting academic excellence and social responsibility in a small, nurturing environment that values faith, reason, and diversity.

## Educates Mind, Body, & Spirit

We strive to educate the whole child and are inspired to celebrate diversity in a welcoming inclusive community. Our educational program is enriched with chapel, technology, daily P.E., art, music, foreign language, library, drama, and a wide variety of extracurricular team sports and activities.

## Academic Excellence

St. Andrew's offers an academically advanced program that earns our graduates admission to the most selective schools in the Greater New Orleans area. At St. Andrew's we believe students learn by doing and thrive in small class sizes that allow us to support and challenge diverse learning styles.

## Cherishing Childhood, Developing Character, Cultivating Leaders

Our small student/teacher ratio offers an environment in which children develop character, build confidence, achieve academic success, and embrace a lifelong love of learning. We strive to teach each child in a manner that builds on his or her individual strengths, interests, and abilities while at the same time fostering teamwork and cultivating leaders.



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