

**SAINT JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Month & Content		CONTENT		CATHOLIC IDENTITY	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS STANDARDS				
		Essential Questions	Books & Materials	Essential Questions	Reading	Reading	Reading	Writing	Speaking & Language
SEPTEMBER									
Word Study	What is a letter? What are the letters in your name?	How can you be a helpful member of the classroom?	Call Me Alex! Corduroy Oscar is Cold Matthew and Tilly	Why does God want us to follow rules?	10	1d, 2b, 3c	1	1	
Literacy/Reading	Listen actively as a member of a group to a variety of age appropriate literature read aloud.								
Writing	Use wood pieces to make the letters in their name		Handwriting Without Tears wood pieces and blue mat						
OCTOBER									
Word Study	Letters make words	What are the steps in the lifecycle ?	Apples and Pumpkins, HWT wood pieces, crayons	Why did God give us food?	2	1 3, 2, 1d	2	3 1.f	
Literacy/Reading	With prompting and support retell a sequence of events from a story read aloud.								
Writing	pre writing skills-practicing crayon grip and establish handedness								
NOVEMBER									
Word Study	Rhyming	How do we show we are thankful?	Thanksgiving Day Thanks, The Berenstain Bears Count Their Blessings, The Thank You Book, The Thankful Book, HWT workbook, crayons	What gifts has God given us to be thankful for?	4	3a, 2, 1d	3 1.a		6
Literacy	With guidance and support recognize and name rhyming words								
Writing	hand/eye coordination, use helping hand to help stabilize objects and paper								
DECEMBER									
Word Study	Beginning Sounds	Why do we celebrate Christmas?	The First Christmas Night, The Story of Christmas, God gave Us Christmas, Come and See	What do we reflect on while waiting for the birth of Jesus?	6	3a, 2a, 2, 1d 2,3	1a, 1b		4
Literacy/Reading	Children will retell the sequence of events from a story.								
Writing	HWT letters F,E,H,T,I,U								
JANUARY									
Word Study	Onset and rime blending	How do different animals live in cold weather?	Owl Moon,The Story of Snow,North Pole South Pole	What are the different ways God protects the animals in the winter?	3	2 2a, 1d	6	2	2
Literacy/Reading	With prompting and support, make predictions about what happens next in a picture book after examining and discussing the illustrations.								
Writing	HWT letters C,O,Q,G,S,J,								
FEBRUARY									
Word Study	Compound words	How can you be a good friend?	How Full is Your Bucket?, How To Be a Good Friend, Corduroy, My New Friend is So Fun!	What does Jesus say about being a good friend?	1	3a, 2c	3		
Literacy/Reading	With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about a story read aloud								
Writing	HWT letters D,P,R,K								

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