S.P.I.C.E. In Action

Purchased Assistive Listening Devices for parish community, helping those affected by hearing loss to fully participate in the weekly Mass.

Conducted a St. Andrew School Teacher Survey of Educational Needs.

Funded an Orton-Gillingham Training (OGT) for several St. Andrew elementary teachers. OGT is multi-sensory, kinesthetic, and phonics based. The OGT method has classically provided intensive rehabilitation in reading, spelling, writing, and reading comprehension for children with learning disabilities like dyslexia.

Offered a Summer Tutoring Program which served at-risk students to maintain skills and aid in knowledge retention.

Implemented an Accelerated Curriculum for the classroom with diagnostic resources and a professional library for grades 2nd through 8th.

Provided a Part-Time Educational Classroom Aide with a Masters in Special Education for first grade class.

Incorporated a highly effective handwriting curriculum called Handwriting Without Tears for the 2nd grade classroom that reinforce letter formation and enhances the writing and thought process and reading foundations.

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What is S.P.I.C.E.?

SPICE funds have been utilized to provide additional school personnel, fund professional development for teachers and purchase specialized educational materials—just a few ways that SPICE meets the special needs of students. As parents, we want to help our children reach their potential and SPICE fosters this goal.

Our Mission

Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) supports the unique educational needs of children within our parish. The educators and staff at St. Andrew School are committed to serving all children, with the philosophy that every child is special.

With SPICE, we are able as Catholics to “Live the Gospels”, embrace differences and love one another as Christ taught us to do. Cardinal Joseph Bernardin said: “Inclusion begins in our heart...when we open our hearts and our community to the gifts each person brings, we are all strengthened.”

Meeting the needs of all students is a collaborative effort. Along with teachers, administration, parents, the parish community, and our pastor, SPICE fosters understanding, inspires creativity and creates an atmosphere that supports special learners so they can learn and grow to their full potential.

Why do we need S.P.I.C.E.?

Providing specialized learning services to a diverse community can be challenging. Because of SPICE, we are able to offer more of these services through the generosity of our parish sponsors under the guidance of our pastor, school administration and the SPICE Advisory Board. Just as parents strive to do all they can for all of their children, so does St. Andrew for the entire parish. Our parish is an extension of the family, the basic unit of the Catholic Church.

Who benefits from S.P.I.C.E.?

Just as flavorful spices add interest and zest to the foods we eat, SPICE raises the awareness and appreciation of diversity within our parish and helps us to embrace those differences, honoring the human dignity of each person.

Many people benefit from SPICE including:
- students with developmental and learning challenges
- students who are accelerated learners
- typical students with unique learning styles
- students enrolled in our parish school of religion
- parishioners of any age with special learning needs at church

We value investing in our students’ future and excellence in education. As a result of these shared values, our parish community and Church are strengthened.

“SPICE supports all types of diverse learners and it is nice to know my children attend St. Andrew School and benefit from SPICE.”

- Parent

“It’s invaluable! SPICE has helped a wide range of learners, thanks to my training and the new resources.”

- Second Grade Teacher

S.P.I.C.E. Needs Your Help

Your prayers, commitment, and financial support are all needed for the success of SPICE. All efforts are equally important, and we thank you for whatever you can do.

Yes! I would like to put some S.P.I.C.E. in St Andrew Parish.

- Saffron Level $1000 +
- Sugar Level $500-999
- Cinnamon Level $250-499
- Nutmeg Level $150-249
- Salt & Pepper Level $25-149
- Other $____

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