

What students learn in each grade level:

Pre-K: Entering to the school world, the young students of this Grade will become familiar with the Greek Alphabet, through colorful books, related arts and crafts, songs and of course, educational games. The use of technology and manipulatives, such as the use of an interactive board to the use of online educational software, will make learning easier and lessons can be more interesting and engaging for our young learners.

As students start learning the Greek Alphabet they will be able to identify, write, and hear each letter. Students will be able to remember the letters using various types of mnemonics throughout the year. They will complete the year being able to recognize all the letters of the Greek alphabet and relate each letter to objects. Most importantly, students will be able to listen and acquire skills to be able to use Greek words in simple conversation.

Kindergarten: Students attending this Grade will start with reviewing the Greek Alphabet and start to combine the Alphabet by creating their first words in Greek and, later on, their first sentences. As students learn the basic foundational skills, phonics will be incorporated into the lessons to develop phonemic awareness in order to teach the correspondence between these sounds and the spelling patterns that represent them. Using prior knowledge, learning new words, using Greek pronunciation and accent to converse the new words learned will be the goal of this year. Our young students will be motivated and engaged with the help of songs, creative learning activities and the use of manipulatives. Technology is present in this Grade as well, using online educational software, as well as an interactive whiteboard.

1st Grade: Students will review the Greek Alphabet, write and know the sounds for each letter, and simple phrases. Students will use their prior knowledge from pre-k and k to develop sentences and learn new words. They will use their new knowledge to converse in Greek with their fellow classmates and develop full sentences. Technological classroom resources will allow students to use interactive games and learning activities to assist as a mnemonic device for student learning and engagement. Students will end their year knowing how to read and comprehend Greek sentences and stories, along with knowing how to conjugate verbs.

2nd Grade: Students will review all prior information from pre-k to 1st grade at the beginning of the year. They will be able to start speaking and reading proficiently with expression and emotion. They will learn to use context clues in stories to answer questions and discuss their findings with their students. By the end of the year, students will know how to conjugate all verb tenses and be able to converse their ideas with their classmates.

3rd Grade: Students in the 3 Grade will review and reinforce their prior knowledge gained by previous grades. Students in the third grade will solidify their learning of the days of the week, months, and seasons. Student learning will also be focused on spelling, reading writing, grammar rules, verb tenses, adjectives, articles, and declension on three gender. Student centered classrooms provide a positive and safe environment for students to express themselves through conversation and group work and improve on their language skills.

Grade 4+: *Students entering the fourth grade and up will start a new curriculum using books from the Ministry of Education of Greece that are specifically used in preparation for the Ellinomatheia exams. These books, along with strong instruction, will help our students strive and succeed in developing and using our Greek Language to build and advance fluency and comprehension.*

4th Grade: Students in the 4th grade will be starting the first volume of our new Klik books, directly from the Greek Ministry of Education. Students will begin the year with a review of all prerequisite knowledge for grade 4 and continue with conversational skills while grammar rules, verb tenses, articles, nouns and declension in three gender. Students will work on their pronunciation through discussion and conversation along with building their writing skills. Our focal point is to give the children confidence when they are reading or speaking Greek with a positive reinforcement. Students will have a strong comprehension of geography, history, as well as mythology and national holidays.

5th Grade: Students, after revisiting the vocabulary and grammar structures they were taught in the previous grades, start acquire a deeper knowledge of the use of the tenses of the verbs, enrich their vocabularies and practice their writing and speaking skills. Practicing creative and engaging learning approaches, students are encouraged to express themselves, both in a written and orally, according to their level.

6th Grade: Students in this Grade are expected to be able to use effectively the Greek language in a conversation and emphasize on idiomatic phrases of it. They will practice their reading and writing skills through everyday modern stories and learn about life in Greece.

7th-9th Grade: Students in these Grades are being prepared to participate in the Ellinomatheia exams. They are widening their knowledge in grammar, vocabulary, reading and writing to meet the expectations of the exams.

Greek Enrichment Class: The students of St. Catherine's Greek School will have music and dance every Tuesday and Thursday for 30 min each. They will learn age appropriate, traditional, Greek folk & seasonal songs and dances that will be performed during the various celebrations throughout the school year. Given this great opportunity the students will be reinforced to use the Greek language, comprehend the stories that each song has to tell, practice familiar words into singing and perform with confidence & expression! In addition, the students will learn through this enrichment portion important Greek composers, Greek culture, Greek traditions, and Greek geography.

Music has been proven to wire children's brain in a more complex and efficient way. Also, singing is a great tool to memorize and remember words for a much longer period of time.

Enrichment Class Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Tuesday- Music</u>	<u>Thursday- Dance</u>
4:15pm- 4:45pm	Prek- 2nd Grade	Level 1
4:45pm- 5:15pm		Level 2
5:15pm- 6:15pm	3rd- Ellinomatheia Students	Level 3- Ellinomatheia Students
6:15pm- 7:15pm		Ellinomatheia Class

**Students that are not in one of the Enrichment Class blocks will be in their regular Greek Language classroom receiving language instruction.

Enrichment Class Schedule

	Saturday
9:00am- 11:00am	Greek Language Instruction
11:00am-11:45am	Music & Dance All Levels
11:45am- 12:30pm	Greek Language Instruction