

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Cathedral Field Trip Ideas

- Research before coming to the Cathedral. Use the Tuesday email experts after your visit to answer any questions.
- Hook up with an upper grade class if you are a primary class and then let them be the tour guides. Look for specific things in the Cathedral that relate to your grade level standards.
- Use a piece of string to demonstrate measurements. Students may not realize the magnitude of size in such a large space. Demonstrating the size of the dove in the oculus with string is powerful.
- Use analogies (the weight of the crucifix and the crown is 2,000 pounds...about the weight of a small car).
- Add Mass to the tour. Daily Mass is at 12:10.
- Come with a multi-age group and share roles. Do the research before coming to the Cathedral and then teach another student while there. Teaching others is a powerful way to learn.
- Write letters to pioneer parents about experience at the Cathedral. Visit the Cathedral as students from a school in the 1890's and write letters to parents about the experience.
- Rhetorical stance – take on persona of saint and be interviewed or be the person conducting the interview. Be a reporter for the Catholic Herald who has gone back in time.
- Look for additional places to extend to a full day field trip! Crocker Museum, the Capitol, the IMAX Theater are a few ideas of place that are nearby.

