

Elementary Curriculum: Grade Two

Religion

Second graders will learn through stories, prayer, Scripture, activities, discussion, reflection, and weekly mass about their Catholic faith. Catholic values are discussed and integrated in all subject areas throughout the day. The focus is on traditional common prayers, creation, The Holy Trinity, celebrating liturgy, sacraments, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, liturgical seasons, and lives of the saints.

English Language Arts

The Language Arts program in Second Grade is all encompassing. Students will work on and study the five components of reading: phonics, phonemic awareness, comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary. Students will also learn and refine speaking, listening, and communication skills.

Reading

In reading, students will work on fluency, comprehension and vocabulary while reading different types of genres such as poetry, folktales, informational, literary, fantasies, and plays. While reading, students will be:

- Linking spoken and written language
- Using word identification strategies
- Developing vocabulary (listening and sight)
- Using structural analysis
- Comprehending the main idea
- Sequencing events of the story
- Analyzing details
- Making predictions
- Using various text features to locate information
- Apply knowledge of vowels, prefixes, suffixes, and spelling conventions
- Understand key details based on who, what, where, when, why, and how
- Recount stories (including fables and folktales)
- Describes characters in a story and their point of view
- Rhyme
- Using illustrations as context clues
- Compare and contrast the same story in two versions
- Read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry

Writing

Second grade students use writing to convey thoughts and meaning. Our students will write legibly in print and cursive, write multiple sequential sentences on a given topic, apply spelling and phonetic patterns in their writing, and apply grammar and mechanics. At the second grade level, our students understand and can name basic parts of speech, use simple tenses, practice different writing formats, and apply correct punctuation. Students will be able to apply these skills to writing expository, narrative,

persuasive, and descriptive paragraphs as well as research and writing projects and a friendly letter.

Speaking and Listening

Second Grade students will listen for understanding, follow directions and respond appropriately to the speaker. Students will use acquired language and vocabulary to express opinions. Students will participate in class discussions. Students will also present material orally and make presentations to individuals and small groups. Second grade students will read, analyze, and retell stories. Students will create audio recordings or other visuals to recall and recount stories.

Mathematics

Second grade students acquire a knowledge of mathematics and the ability to apply math skills and to solve math problems. Our second grade students will:

- Determine if a group of objects has an odd or even number
- Skip counting by 2's, 5's, 10's, and 100's
- Count, read, and write numbers to 1,000
- Compare up to three-digit numbers
- Fluently add and subtract within 100 based on place value and operations
- Tell and write time to the nearest five minutes (a.m. and p.m.)
- Recognize and draw shapes (triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons, and cubes)
- Divide basic shapes into halves, thirds and fourths
- Work with equal groups of objects to gain foundations for multiplication
- Understand place value
- Measure and estimate lengths in standard units
- Relate addition and subtraction to length
- Represent and interpret data

Science

Second Grade students will use concrete, hands-on experiences to understand science in the physical and natural world around them. They learn through observing, predicting, questioning, and explaining. Our second grade students will study:

- Investigate fossils and dinosaurs
- Compare sources of energy
- Identify states of matter
- Describe features and processes of the earth and its resources
- Identify force and motion
- Identify the earth's place in the universe
- Understand how plants and animals live together

Social Studies

Second Grade students will develop an awareness of themselves people around them. The focus will be on communities, cities, cultures, working together, meeting needs through goods and services, celebrations, map skills.

Physical Education

In second grade, our students learn and explore factors that affect a healthy lifestyle. Students will maintain personal fitness, acquire an awareness of personal health needs, develop gross motor skills, and participate in cooperative group games.

Art

In second grade, the students will have the opportunity to express themselves in various art forms.

Technology

Our second grade students will visit the technology lab and use software for reinforcement of classroom lessons. They will understand basic word processing terms, use word processing, understand basic database terms, produce simple products, and print document.

Library

Second Grade students will use the school library and locate books of interest to be checked out each week. They will also recognize different sections of the library and know how to use a library.