



Second Grade Curriculum

Second Grade is a unique and special grade primarily because the children prepare for and receive 2 special Sacraments during the year- Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. A considerable amount of time is spent preparing for these sacraments. Parental support and home instruction is a commitment and responsibility.

Second Grade is also a year where the children become increasingly more independent and responsible in all areas. Children copy their own homework, and are no longer read aloud the directions and stories in Reading tests (ease into this). They work independently to complete various tasks but also collaborate in small groups to complete activities and projects.

Mid- year, they begin to learn cursive handwriting.

In Math, basic facts to 18 need to be put to memory to aid in higher level skills. They learn addition and subtraction of 2 and 3 digit numbers with regrouping, telling time, identifying and

counting money, critical thinking in problem solving, geometry, fractions, and introduction to multiplication and division process. (2,3,5,10 times tables)

ELA is rich in vocabulary and skill preparation. There is excellent cross curricular integration, a strong emphasis on ongoing progress and monitoring, use of engaging literature, creative writing projects, and scientifically research- based instruction. The children use inference skills, problem solving, answering test questions in detailed sentences and use higher level thinking skills- analysis , synthesis and evaluation.

Science and Social Studies are integrated with our Reading Program. A Science text also helps children learn various sciences: physical, earth, space, technology, life science. Current events are incorporated weekly to include both science and social studies, through Scholastic News, a current events newspaper.

Texts/ Publishers

Religion – We Believe (Sadlier)

Math- (McGraw Hill – My Math)

Reading/ Language Arts(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt- Journeys)

Handwriting- (Zaner-Bloser)

Science(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)