

### **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.

### **Language Arts**

The Language Arts program is all encompassing and includes reading, phonics, writing, speaking, listening and the study of literature. The components of the program emphasize the development of those skills that allow students to read with fluency, comprehend and interpret written materials, communicate well, and listen and speak effectively.

### **Reading/Literature**

Students experience different genre of literature (poetry, folktales, nonfiction, fiction, fantasies, and plays). Reading fluency will develop and improve as students are presented with the following skills throughout the year:

- Linking spoken and written language
- Using word identification strategies
- Developing vocabulary (listening and sight)
- Using structural analysis
- Comprehending the main idea
- Sequencing events of a story
- Analyzing details
- Using context clues
- Distinguishing fact from fantasy
- Making predictions
- Self-appraising and self-correcting while reading
- Using index and dictionary

### **Writing**

Second grade students use writing to convey thoughts and meaning. Our students will write legibly, 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.

### **Listening/Speaking**

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.

### **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:

- Identify place value
- Use a number line
- Add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers
- Solve word problems
- Chart, compare and graph data
- Identify patterns and use fact families
- Measure/compare units of length, capacity and weight
- Graph and explain data
- Use a clock to determine time
- Identify and count money
- Identify, classify, compare and describe characteristics of shapes
- Identify the part and the whole of diagrams

## **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, print documents, and create a multimedia presentation.

## **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.