

Second Grade Curriculum

First Quarter

RELIGION

Second grade is such a wonderful year because it is the only time in the academic life of your child that they will receive two sacraments. We begin preparing this first quarter by stressing appropriate Church behavior and participation in the Mass. The lessons in our newly adopted Religion books (Blest are We) emphasize the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. This structure assures that students:

Learn the content of our Catholic Faith

Celebrate it in worship

Connect it to their everyday life

Learn to pray

PHONICS

We begin the first quarter by reviewing the initial, medial, and final consonants sounds. We will also develop the short and long vowel sounds that are introduced in the first grade. We will also introduce soft and hard “c” and “g” sounds (circle-cat, giraffe-go). We will continue with the blends (l-blends, r-blends, s-blends) and compound words such as “rainbow”.

READING

In second grade we will cover Unit 1 and Unit 2. In these units we will focus on comprehension skills, context clues, making predictions, and vocabulary. Each story in our book has a take home story related to it. Ask your child to read it to you. Our reading series also has a spelling book with word lists for each story. There are also challenge words each week. Please help your child study these words during the week.

LANGUAGE ARTS AND CREATIVE WRITING

Through our “Daily Oral Language”, sentences, journal writing, and creative writing, we will discuss complete sentences, the use of capital letters and punctuation marks, writing paragraphs, and short stories using the Six Traits of Writing. Mrs. Mimick will teach writing two days a week. Writing will also be taught by your child's classroom teacher.

HANDWRITING

Second graders are very anxious to start cursive writing. However, they do not start cursive until third grade. We assure them that if they work very hard to master printing, they will start cursive at the very beginning of third grade. It is important that they don't try writing cursive on their own. This is because they may begin to form letters incorrectly, and it will be difficult for them to learn the correct spelling method. As second graders, we continue to work on the proper formation of letters, correct spacing, and neatness in daily work.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Mrs. Lukasiewicz will be teaching Social Studies this year. The Second Grade will study map and globes. Map skills include: cardinal directions, the Compass Rose, symbols, map keys, types of maps, scale and using maps. Globe skills include: poles, equator, continents and oceans, land forms and introducing hemispheres. We will also be studying neighborhoods and communities and how they

MATH

Second graders spend the first quarter of Math developing and mastering some of the concepts from first grade. The first quarter includes graphing, addition and subtraction facts 0-20. Using number lines, touch math, place value of ones-hundreds, odd and even numbers, and problem solving

SCIENCE

Mrs. Grigsby will be the science teacher this year. The topics that will be discussed include science and what it is, scientific tools, and science safety. We will begin a unit on life science also. The children will be taught the scientific process and be involved in experiments. Instructors from 4-H will be brought in to teach a variety of science concepts throughout the year.

The grading scale is as follows:

S+	100-93
S	92-80
N	79-70
U	69-below