

Social Studies

Second grade students will develop an awareness of themselves and people around them. The focus is on:

- Communities
- Citizenship and Government
- Cultures
- Meeting needs through goods and services
- Landforms

Physical Education

Second grade students will learn and explore factors that affect a healthy lifestyle. The focus is on:

- Maintaining personal fitness
- Acquiring an awareness of personal health needs
- Developing and demonstrating gross motor skills
- Participating in cooperative group games

Music

Second grade students will have the opportunity to participate in musical activities and to develop an appreciation for music. The focus is on:

- Singing in groups
- Identifying musical notes and rhythmic patterns
- Distinguishing various types of musical instruments and elements

Art

Second grade students will have the opportunity to express themselves in various art forms. The focus is on:

- Communicating through art
- Taking pride in their work
- Using a variety of art mediums

Evaluation

A report of student progress will be distributed approximately half way through the first quarter for all students, and in subsequent quarters for those having difficulties.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be scheduled in November, but can be requested at anytime.

Students will receive a report card at each of the four marking periods.

Homework

Second grade students will be assigned homework as needed for practice and reinforcement as well as for the completion of special projects.

Parents can help by:

- Modeling active participation in weekly liturgy, daily prayer, and service
- Showing an interest in homework and school activities
- Providing a quiet place and sufficient uninterrupted time to do school work
- Encouraging good nutrition, rest and exercise
- Staying in touch with the school

This curriculum guide provides a glimpse of goals and activities.

For more comprehensive information, please contact the school principal.

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ST. MATTHEW PARISH SCHOOL

CURRICULUM GUIDE

SECOND GRADE

A POSITIVE
INVESTMENT IN
YOUR CHILD'S
FUTURE



Religion

Second graders will learn through stories, activities, Scripture, prayer, discussion and reflection about their Catholic faith.. Catholic values are discussed and integrated in all subject areas. The focus is on:

- Traditional common prayers
- Creation
- God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit
- Participating in the celebration of the liturgy
- Sacraments
- First Communion and Reconciliation
- Liturgical seasons
- Lives of the Saints

Language Arts/Reading

The Language Arts program includes reading, writing, speaking, listening and the study of literature. The components of the program emphasizes the development of those skills that allow students to read with fluency, comprehend and interpret written materials, communicate well and listen and speak effectively. The skills acquired and understood are applied and reinforced in all content areas.

Reading/Literature

Through the series, children experience literature in the form of poetry, folktales, nonfiction, fiction, fantasy and plays. Reading fluency will develop and improve. The focus is on:

- Linking spoken and written language
- Using word identification strategies
- Developing vocabulary (includes 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-correct while reading
- Identify different story genres
- Describe character traits

- Using an index, glossary & dictionary

Writing

Second grade students will use writing to convey meaning. The focus is on:

- Writing legibly
- Writing multiple sequential sentences on a given topic
- Applying spelling knowledge (skills are developed through a variety of spelling and phonetic patterns)
- Applying grammar and mechanics
 - Basic parts of speech
 - Simple tenses
 - Writing forms
 - Punctuation
 - Kinds of sentences
- Write narrative and explanatory paragraphs

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. The focus is on:

- Presenting material orally
- Making presentations to individuals and small groups
- Participating in small & large group discussions
- Reading, analyzing, & retelling stories
- Ask and/or answer questions about what a speaker says

Technology

Second grade students will study, retain and use information from a variety of sources. The focus is on:

- Understanding basic database terms
- Printing documents
- Cyber safety
- Finding websites
- Publishing written work

Mathematics

Second grade students acquire a knowledge of mathematics and the ability to apply math skills to solve problems through the use of the text Math 2 by McMillian/McGraw Hill, extended activities and hands on experience. The focus is on:

- Identifying place value up to 1000
- Using the number line
- Adding and subtracting 2 & 3 digit numbers
- Analyzing & solving simple word problems
- Chart, compare and graph data
- Using a digital & analog clock to determine time
- Measuring, estimating and comparing units of length, capacity and weight
- Identifying patterns, using fact families
- Counting money
- Identifying, classifying, comparing and describing characteristics of shapes

Science

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

- Categorizing and classifying living & non-living things
- Learning about life on earth long ago
- Identifying plant & animal habitats
- Identifying the Earth's place in the universe
- Identifying matter as solid, liquid or gas