

Second Grade Curriculum/Standards

Religion

- Understand that God gives the gifts of life and love
- Apply the Ten Commandments
- Prepare for and receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion
- Introduce the mystery of the Church
- Explore Mary and the saints

Language Arts

- Use strategies to read fluently
- Distinguish syllables within words
- Recognize and use a variety of strategies to decode words
- Automatically read a bank of 150-200 high-frequency words
- Use context clues to determine meaning
- Use word structure and meaning to develop vocabulary
- Read a variety of genres
- Identify and retell a story and include setting, plot, characters, and sequence
- Determine cause and effect relationships
- Draw logical conclusions based on information read
- Distinguish between types of literature
- Locate information using dictionaries, encyclopedias, and informational books
- Understand and use the writing process
- Use listening skills to effectively understand, comprehend, and respond
- Express ideas clearly in oral speaking
- Use skills of viewing to understand and comprehend information

Science

- Understand that changes occur and can be measured
- Understand the concepts of past, present, and future
- Use scientific inquiry to develop understanding, gain information, and analyze data
- Investigate properties of matter, motion, and forces
- Investigate life cycles of plants and animals and their basic needs
- Investigate weather and its elements
- Understand the relationship between science and technology

Mathematics

- Understand and use numbers to 1,000
- Perform computations accurately with and without regrouping through 99
- Estimate and judge reasonableness of results
- Understand and use a variety of problem-solving and reasoning skills
- Use a variety of methods and appropriate vocabulary to communicate mathematical information
- Understand and use tools for measuring time, length, volume, weight, and temperature
- Investigate algebraic symbols as a tool to represent mathematical relationships
- Understand the relationship between addition and subtraction
- Recognize basic shapes and simple geometry concepts
- Apply ideas about direction and distance
- Interpret simple tables, charts, and graphs
- Understand concepts of probability and prediction
- Explore patterns and classification

Social Studies

- Obtain information from a variety of sources
- Study First Americans
- Study historical figures, events, and symbols
- Understand that all citizens have rights and responsibilities
- Understand basic economic concepts
- Use maps and globes
- Explore the relationship between people and their environment

Health

- Acquire the essential skills to lead a healthy physical, mental, and emotional life

Physical Education

- Instruction in a variety of motor skills designed to enhance the physical, mental, social, and emotional development of every child
- Development of cognitive concepts related to fitness, motor skills, body systems, and safety
- Opportunities to improve emerging social and cooperative skills and gain a multicultural perspective
- Promote regular amounts of appropriate physical activity now and throughout life

Visual and Performing Arts

- Students learn to communicate through creative expression in the visual arts, music, and theatre. Classes are held during the normal school day in the Fine Arts facilities

