



2nd Grade Curriculum

Religion

Our religion program uses the CPH *One In Christ* curriculum. Students are nurtured in their understanding and living of the Christian faith as they are taught a sequential selection of Old and New Testament Bible stories. During the year they learn key concepts of faith such as Law and Gospel, confession and repentance, forgiveness, and grace. In second grade we daily have opportunities for witnessing, singing, and prayer. Our memory program helps students learn Scripture verses, hymns, and portions of the Catechism and how to use these to put “Feet to their Faith”.

Language Arts

The *Superkids* curriculum is used in Grades K-2. The curriculum combines reading, spelling, handwriting, and writing in a comprehensive way so that all areas overlap.

Reading

The second grade continues to use *the Superkids Reading Program*, which has been used since Kindergarten. This program grows with the students as they progress through the second grade. Time is spent reviewing many phonics and word recognition skills learned in the previous grades. The children are taught to become more fluent readers and to comprehend on a higher level through the teaching of such skills as asking questions, monitoring, making connections and inference, summarizing and synthesizing, and visualizing using mentor texts and literature at the students’ individual levels.

Language

Grammar skills such as sentence structure and parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs) are taught at this level through games, worksheets, interactive notebooks, and the use of computer resources. Writing activities include sentences, paragraphs, stories, description, letter writing, and book reports. Other writing opportunities are presented in journal writing.

Spelling

Spelling in second grade consists of word lists which are also incorporated in our *Superkids Reading Program*. *The words already taught are used and reviewed as the children are given the opportunity to practice using the word in context and in written and oral assessments.*

Phonics

Phonics in second grade reflect what is taught in the *Superkids Reading Program*. *Concepts of vowel sounds (long, short, and irregular), hard and soft ‘c’ and ‘g’ sounds, compound words, contractions, prefixes, suffixes, antonyms, synonyms, and homophones are being reviewed in our phonics text by Pearson.*

Handwriting

Both manuscript and cursive are taught in second grade. Children practice proper handwriting formation and techniques in manuscript for the first three quarters of the school year then, during the fourth quarter, cursive. We will learn how the letters are connected in cursive to form words and sentences. We will use our hand-



writing books. The children are expected and encouraged to develop neatness and correct formation in all of their written work throughout the subjects.

Math

St. Paul Lutheran School uses the Saxon Math curriculum. Students extend their understanding of mathematical concepts such as base-ten, place value to the 1,000 place, addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts (whole numbers), addition and subtraction of two- and three-digit equations with and without regrouping, telling time (analog and digital clocks), standard and non-standard measurement, two-dimensional and three-dimensional geometric shapes, fractional parts of a whole, and money values and their symbols. We incorporate graphs, charts, and diagrams (i.e., bar, pictograph, pie, and Venn). The students learn, implement, and become fluent using different strategies and skills in these areas so they will then be able to extend these concepts as they progress in their academics.

Science

The second grade science curriculum offers students a chance to use different texts, resources, and experimentation to better understand the world around them. The topics taught at the second grade level are: Our Bodies and keeping them healthy, Plant Life, Animal Life, Our Solar System, Weather, and Matter. We will use research projects, experimentation, and field trips to extend the learning that happens within the classroom.

Social Studies

The second grade social studies program helps children understand the workings of their community and the world around them. The units include: Where We Live, Our Earth, Working Together, Our Country Long Ago, Our Country Today, and People and Places in History. Reading and map skills are incorporated throughout the year. Each week we also include current and historical events through the use of *Scholastic News*.

Technology (*Departmentalized*)

Second graders will continue to learn keyboarding, striking, mouse manipulation, and letters and numbers by various exercises and games that are age-appropriate.

Art (*Departmentalized*)

Students will develop an appreciation of visual arts through a variety of art explorations that are age-appropriate. Individualism is encouraged as students employ various forms of media including pencil, pastel, charcoal, paint, paper, and sculpting materials. The elements of art including line, shape, color, value, space, and texture will be emphasized and utilized. Projects will also incorporate and consider the principles of design including balance, contrast, emphasis, movement, pattern, rhythm, and unity. A variety of craft projects incorporated will also inspire student creativity.

Music (*Departmentalized*)

The second graders build on concepts learned in first grade. They will learn notes and rests in the treble clef. The children will be able to recreate the rhythms of a musical score. They will develop their singing voices to praise God by singing in our Cherub Choir, chapel, and church services. The families of the orchestra will also be explored.

Physical Education (*Departmentalized*)

Students will experience advanced beginner *Locomotor* ability to run, leap vertical jump, horizontal jump, hop, skip, gallop, slide and land properly through age-appropriate games and exercises.