

Second Grade Curriculum

Religion: Students prepare for the sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation and the Eucharist. They learn about the basics and traditions of our Catholic faith. They attend weekly Mass. Sophia Institute edition of "Spirit of Truth" is the basal. Dynamic Catholic, "Blessed" sessions are used for preparing for First Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Reading/Language Arts: The basal is Pearson, Reading Street, a comprehensive language program. Students attain reading skills such as predicting, character, author's purpose, setting, drawing conclusions, compare and contrast, sequence of events, graphic sources, cause and effect, context clues, summarizing, etc. Students learn the mechanics and application of grammar skills. They learn to write paragraphs such as a personal narrative, descriptive, expository, etc. Students learn to spell words in units. Students use the Accelerated Reading program to develop a love of reading.

Math: Using the Eureka Math curriculum, students learn place value, comparison of numbers to 1,000, addition and subtraction within 200, word problems to 100, addition and subtraction within 1,000, and foundations of multiplication and division. Other skills include problem solving with length, money, time, shapes, and fractions as equal parts. Zearn is used to practice and reinforce the math skills that students are continuing to build.

Science: The basal is Elevate Science by Pearson. Students learn concepts related, to plants and animals, their habitats, our Earth and space science, matter, energy and motion.

Social Studies: The basal is Scott Foresman Social Studies, People and Places. Students learn about different communities, community helpers, citizenship skills, research skills, geography skills, map and globe skills, chart and graph skills, American history, concepts about

our government and economics. Students also begin to learn the states and capitals by the different regions of the United States.

Handwriting: Using the Handwriting Without Tears method, students practice manuscript writing stressing spatial organization, line generalization, and correct letter and number formation.

Phonics: Using Pearson's Reading Street, students learn initial, medial, and final consonants, syllable patterns, short and long vowels, digraphs, r-controlled vowels, prefixes, suffixes, comparative endings, and diphthongs.

