

2nd Grade Highlights:

- Throughout the year, students prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. In daily religion lessons, students gain a better understanding of the seven sacraments, Ten Commandments, sequence and parts of the Mass, and research backgrounds on individual Catholic Saints.
- Students continue to develop Reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, writing, and spelling skills while reading and reporting on books of their choice in engaging and interactive ways.

Math:

Text: Saxon Math and IXL Online

Our Math program follows our Math teaching standards very closely. We will start the year studying strategies for addition and subtraction facts to 20 and also include word problems. We will study place value, money, adding and subtracting 2-digit and 3-digit numbers, time, data, graphs, fractions, probability, and multiplication, and division. Our Math lessons will include the daily math. Math Vocabulary, strategies, an introduction to the lesson, and practice and maintenance. We would like to stress the importance of keeping Math skills sharp. Practice at home and with flash cards or other materials would be very helpful. There are also some wonderful websites dealing with the basic addition and subtraction facts that many of the children are using.

Reading:

Text: Saxon Phonics

The Diocese of Jefferson City sets rigorous standards for reading and writing. Reading curriculum includes literature, comprehension, phonics, phonological awareness and vocabulary. Our weekly lessons focus on phonemic awareness and this is supported with weekly readers. Our daily reading class will include lessons in:

- Phonics
- Vocabulary
- Reading aloud and silently
- Study skills
- Comprehension
 - Taking comprehension tests on Reading Counts

- Writing

Language Arts/Reading:

Language Arts include reading, writing, spelling, handwriting, grammar, and listening skills, study skills, punctuation, speech, usage, and mechanics. A very strong emphasis will be placed on the six traits of writing:

- Ideas and Content
- Organization
- Sentence Fluency
- Voice
- Word Choice
- Conventions

Writing:

Students will use writing to convey meaning. They will:

- Use the writing process: prewriting, drafting, revising, proofreading, publishing
- Write effectively using words and pictures to convey thoughts
- Write sentences about a topic (opinion, informative, narrative)
- Apply spelling knowledge
- Apply grammar (nouns, verbs, adjectives, contractions) in writing
- Apply mechanics (capitalization, punctuation, complete sentences) in writing
- Apply neat writing of uppercase and lowercase letters and numbers

Spelling:

Each week we will teach a spelling lesson, and most weeks there will be a written test on Friday. We will stress the recognition of structural similarities as well as phonetic similarities. Students are asked to study for weekly spelling tests with a parent. Review tests encompassing the past several lessons will be given at times.

In our daily work and homework, correct spelling is encouraged. We will teach it in the writing process (prewriting, writing, revising, proofreading, and publishing).

Handwriting:

We will review letters and handwriting skills early in the year. We will stress correct letter formation, appropriate size and spacing, pencil grip, paper position, margins, headings, and legibility.

We will teach cursive strokes and begin cursive letters. We will work on the connection of letters and reading cursive writing. Practice in cursive homework will be given as letters are learned. It is our goal to have the students writing in cursive by the end of the year.

Religion:

Text: None

The students will prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. Our Religion lessons include our focus of the day, Scripture, prayers, music, activities, biographies, Bible stories, and doctrine. Our second grade curriculum includes:

- Creation
- God's Promise and Word
- God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Making good choices and God's Mercy
- Praying as Jesus did
- Worship
- God's word
- Jesus' sacrifice
- Sharing the Holy Meal
- Forever in Heaven

Each morning, we pray together as a school by doing the Sign of the Cross followed by the Morning Offering. Students pray before and after meals, as well as at 2:00pm when the school participates in "Stop, drop and pray!" The students gather at dismissal to pray the Angel of God prayer before we dismiss for the day.

Science:

Text: Science Spin and Science Weeklies

Our science curriculum is planned around inquiry-based learning. Students will focus on using STEM skills to think and act as scientists, mathematicians, and engineers. We use our current classroom themes to help students learn through prediction, observation, questioning and explaining. Students will learn about:

- Life Science
- Physical Science
- Earth Science
- The Human Body

Social Studies:

Text: None

Social Studies units are taught multiple times a week. Our Social Studies topics include:

- Where we live
- Our Earth
- Working together
- Our Country Today
- Our Country Long Ago
- People and Places in History
- Holidays and Calendar Activities

Enrichment Activities:

We attend Music, Art, and Library once a week and Physical Education twice a week. Students have recess twice daily, as well as lunch. Students also perform in the St. Joseph Christmas Concert and the Spring Concert.

Highlights from 2nd Grade 2022-2023

