



Grade 2

Curriculum Overview

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

Our Language Arts curriculum is very comprehensive, made up of several components: phonics (decoding, structural analysis), comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, writing, study/research skills, and grammar/mechanics. All of these components are fully integrated in our Superkids curriculum. Students will read a wide variety of texts, both fictional and informational. Daily writing lessons will include many genres (narrative, informative/explanatory, opinion, descriptive, poetry). Students learn to speak clearly and logically in both small group settings and in public settings.

ELA Text: Superkids (Zaner-Bloser)

MATH

The first part of the year is spent reviewing basic facts, numbers and operations (fact families, skip counting, writing number sentences, mental math, estimating). Students then build on prior knowledge as they identify place value, and add/subtract double-digit numbers, tell time (to the quarter hour and in 5-minute intervals), count and write coin values through \$1.00, use standard measure (linear and liquid), recognize and label fractions, recognize and label geometric shapes (solids and flat), and read and interpret pictographs, bar graphs, and calendars. Throughout the year students learn problem solving skills (identifying operations, labeling the solution). Towards the end of the year, students are introduced to basic concepts of multiplication/division, and number patterns to 1,000.

Math Text: Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley (Pearson)

RELIGION

Our year is filled with learning about our relationship with God. We begin the year acknowledging and learning about God's gift of life and our own uniqueness. We study the Holy Trinity. Students participate in an in-depth preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. We partner with our parish family as the students receive those sacraments in January and in the spring respectively. Students learn about God's great love for us, our call to serve, and to love one another. Students experience different forms of prayer, participate regularly in Mass, and read from scripture. Our curriculum is based on our Catholic beliefs.

Religion Text: New Beginnings, First Reconciliation (RCL), First Eucharist (RCL) by Sadlier

SCIENCE

Students learn and practice the Scientific Method. Science themes include studies of living/non-living things, movement and machines, weather, and basic engineering concepts (problem solving/use of materials). Students learn the importance of conservation (reduce, reuse, recycle) and the relationship between humans, the environment, and the earth's resources. We have added an emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) as we continue to incorporate our STEM grant into our Science curriculum.

Science Text: Science - A Closer Look, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill

SOCIAL STUDIES

The general theme of the Second Grade Social Studies curriculum is Communities. Students look at different kinds of communities both in today's world and in the past. We take a historical look at the development of our country beginning with Native American Indians and the early explorers. They take a closer look at our world today, our government, and basic principles of economics (needs, wants, choices, production, goods/services). Students learn geography skills, elements of good citizenship, and appreciation for different cultures. Second Graders participate in Junior Achievement.

Social Studies Text: My World Interactive (Pearson)