



SECOND GRADE CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

RELIGION

- Sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation
- Understand the parts of the Mass
- Understand the use of and significance of the Holy objects used in Mass and found in Church (chalice, tabernacle, platen)
- Understand their role as members of the Catholic Faith community
- Learn and appreciate the diversity of prayers (prayers of the faithful, rosary, act of contrition)

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Develop and improve vocabulary
- Recognize and use a variety of sources to aide in writing. (dictionary, thesaurus, phonics dictionaries, tools on computer)
- Recognize and use the mechanics of the written language (grammar, capitalization, punctuations and sentence structure) to effectively communicate thoughts and ideas
- Apply the mechanics of the written language to writing in a variety of forms and across the curriculum (answering questions, personal narratives, personal letters, poetry, instructions, book reports and short research projects)
- Understand, and apply the 5 step writing process to all formal writing
- Understand and practice manuscript as a means to facilitate communication
- Recognize and use the mechanics of oral language to (taking turns, respectful and attentive listening, tone, inflection, and dramatic effects) to effectively communicate their thoughts and ideas in a variety of situations (Answering questions, oral reading, Readers Theater, reciting poetry, giving oral reports)

MATHEMATICS

- Develop age appropriate vocabulary to convey mathematical ideas and concepts
- Understand the importance of place value to 1,000
- Read and write numbers through 100
- Compute with accuracy single through triple digit addition and subtraction with and without regrouping
- Understand the relationship between addition and multiplication; subtractions and division and compute with accuracy problems on the 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 times tables
- Understand and name simple fractions
- Understand the characteristics and name geometric shapes, area, volume and perimeter
- Understand and identify the standard and metric units of measurement and what they measure
- Tell time to the 5 minute intervals on both an analog and digital clock
- Create and use graphs and charts
- Understand basic statistics and probability
- Develop and practice a system for reading and solving word problems



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SOCIAL STUDIES

- Understand and recognize the importance of rules and the role of every good citizen in a variety of communities (family, school, church, town, state and country)
- Understand and describe the function of government
- Recognize the characteristics of towns, cities, suburbs and rural areas
- Recognize, respect and appreciate the diversity the social and cultural groups in America.
- Describe and identify the importance of free enterprise in simple terms
- Identify geographical features of locations and regions of the world
- Read and use maps and globes
- Identify the impact of Native American, Explorers, and Early Settlers had in creating our Nation
- Identify inventions and inventors who have changed the way people live
- Develop an understanding that all citizens of the world are children of God and our role to care for, support and help all God's children.

READING

- Identify and apply decoding skills to improve fluency and comprehension
- Develop and improve vocabulary which will prompt and improve comprehension and fluency
- Increase and deepen comprehensions skills to read a variety of texts for a broad range of purposes
- Encourage a love of reading by providing opportunities to read for pleasure and enjoyment
- Develop the understanding that readers read what writers write as a form of communication

SCIENCE

- Understand that scientist use tools to find answers to questions
- Use the scientific process to answer questions about science
- Describe the differences in the physical properties of matter
- Investigate magnets and basic circuit electricity
- Identify and understand the function of the major body organs
- Identify ways to stay healthy and safe physically, emotionally and spiritually
- Investigate and identify ways we can predict weather
- Identify parts of and investigate types of plant and what plants need to survive
- Identify the life cycle of plants and the relationship between plants and animals
- Understand the Earth is part of God's creation and our responsibility to care for that creation (ecology)