

## Second Grade Curriculum

### Handwriting

- Manuscript handwriting is reviewed and cursive writing is taught. Emphasis is placed on proper letter formation and spacing.
- Neatness is encouraged and praised.

### Language Arts

- Parts of speech, sentence structure, and grammar are taught.
- Our school-wide monthly Holistic Writing program provides a theme incorporating different types of writing, allowing students to use the skills they are learning.

### Math

- Number facts to and from 18, number sense, addition and subtraction with regrouping, money, time, and measurement are taught. Manipulatives are used to make concepts meaningful.

### Reading

- Students learn from a variety of texts, including fiction, nonfiction, autobiographies, and biographies.
- Skills taught include decoding, vocabulary, comprehension, dictionary skills, inferences, drawing conclusions, main idea, supporting details, and making predictions.
- Children are able to identify characters, setting, plot, events, and the ending of the story.

### Religion

- The main focus of our year is sacramental preparation.
- The mercy of God's forgiveness and the knowledge and understanding of Reconciliation are taught.
- The sacred relationship we share with our Lord is realized in our preparation for Holy Eucharist.
- As a culmination to our special year we lead the school in the crowning of our Blessed Mother.

## Science

- The scientific concepts taught include life science, earth science, and the human body.
- In addition to the text, information is obtained through media, technology, and experiments.

## Social Studies

- Children learn to read text for information.
- Skills taught include communities, basic American people and history, holidays, government, goods and services, and map reading.

## Phonics/Spelling

- Phonics is taught as a foundation for all subject areas.
- Consonants, vowels, blends, digraphs, diphthongs, and phonetic rules are applied throughout the curriculum.
- In conjunction with phonics, spelling is taught emphasizing phonetic rules.
- Weekly lessons are presented and tested.
- Homework includes writing list words, a-b-c order, and writing sentences.
- Proper manuscript and cursive writing is expected.