



Second Grade Curriculum

Religion: The religion curriculum is based on the CPH One in Christ series. Students are nurtured in their understanding and living of the Christian faith as they are taught a sequential selection of Old and New Testament Bible stories. Within this context they learn key concepts of faith such as Law and Gospel, confession, repentance, forgiveness and grace. Second graders participate in daily devotions including singing and prayer. Through a planned memory program students learn Bible verses, hymns, and portions of the Catechism.

Science: The second grade science curriculum offers students the opportunity to use text and experimentation to better understand the world around them. The units taught are A Word of Living Things, Homes for Living Things, Our Earth, Weather and Space, Exploring Matter and Energy in Motion.

Math: In second grade, the students begin the year with a review of first grade number concepts, and a review and practice of addition and subtraction facts through 20. The addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers is introduced and taught. Children are taught place value to 999, time (5 minute intervals), money (coins and dollar bills), 2-D and 3-D geometric shapes, beginning fractions, and measurement in English and metric systems. Students are also introduced to multiplication and division.

Social Studies: The second grade social studies curriculum will help children understand the community and the world around them. The units in the program are: Where We Live, Our Earth, Working Together, Our Country Today, Our Country Long Ago and People and Places in History. The second graders will also study the holidays

Handwriting: Modern manuscript is used in second grade. Children practice proper handwriting techniques in their handwriting books and are encouraged to develop neatness and correct letter formation in all of their written work.

Language Arts, Phonics and Grammar: The second grade curriculum teaches sentence structure and parts of speech: nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs. Writing activities include sentences, paragraphs, stories, letter writing and book reports. Other writing opportunities are presented in journal writing and in the reading practice book.

Reading: The second grade reading curriculum will review many phonics and word recognition skills which children learned in grade one. The children are taught to

become more fluent readers and to comprehend on a higher level, through the teaching of such skills as word families, context clues, and making inferences. Students are taught these skills throughout the year as they work through reading units featuring quality children's literature.

Spelling: The second grade spelling curriculum correlates with the reading vocabulary and weekly phonetic skills.