

SECOND GRADE

Second Grade is a year full of joyful growth in faith, knowledge and independence.

Students prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, deepening their understanding of God's love and their own place in the Church community.

Across all subjects, Christian values are woven into learning as students begin to think more critically, take on new responsibilities, and strengthen their confidence as learners and disciples.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Second graders build upon their growing love of reading and writing by exploring longer stories and more complex ideas. They deepen their understanding of how words and paragraphs work together to convey meaning and develop confidence as readers and writers. A highlight of the year is reading the classic story *Charlotte's Web*, which invites reflection, discussion and a joy in shared reading experiences.

MATHEMATICS

Students strengthen their number sense by exploring multiple strategies for addition and subtraction with one, two, and three digit numbers. They build a strong understanding of place value, fact families, and sums within 100. Word problems become opportunities for creative thinking as students learn to underline key information, draw models and explain their reasoning.

RELIGION

Second grade is a special year of faith formation as students prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. They learn and pray together, committing prayers such as the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, and the Act of Contrition to memory. Through projects and class discussions, they reflect on their Baptism and the ways God's love is present in their daily lives.

SCIENCE

Students explore the wonders of God's creation through hands-on investigations of matter, landforms, and other living things. They compare materials by observing texture, color, strength and flexibility and they discover how scientists use their senses and curiosity to learn about the world around them.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Through the Kimocho program, second graders learn how to recognize, name, and manage their emotions with kindness and empathy. Using playful lessons and character-based stories, they practice expressing feelings, listening to others, and making caring choices. Students build confidence in using their "brave," "kind," and "helpful" voices, connecting these lessons to the Christian call to love one another and treat every person with respect.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Second graders learn about everyday heroes and the importance of helping others in their communities. They explore how neighborhoods, schools and cities work together and recognize the roles of citizens, leaders and workers in keeping communities strong. Students study maps, local landmarks, and community traditions to understand how geography and culture shape daily life. Lessons in cooperation, responsibility, and respect encourage students to see themselves as active citizens who can make a positive difference in the world.

MUSIC

Second graders continue to grow in their love of music and deepen their understanding of rhythm, melody and tone. They sing, move and play instruments while learning to listen carefully and perform with confidence. As they prepare for their First Communion students reflect on how music helps them pray, celebrate, and express their faith as part of the Church community.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students build coordination, confidence, and teamwork through fun and active games and movement. They continue to develop abilities such as jumping, skipping, leaping, and dribbling, while learning about effort, fair play and sportsmanship. Physical education encourages healthy habits, persistence and joy in movement.

SPANISH

Second graders continue to build their Spanish vocabulary and confidence through songs, games and prayers. They learn greetings, salutations, and the alphabet while expanding their understanding of descriptive words, common nouns, and weather expression. A favorite project is creating a booklet about *la familia*, which helps students make personal connections to the language as they grow in cultural awareness and communication skills.

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Students begin to see themselves as creative thinkers and problem-solvers through hands-on technology experiences. Using ScratchJr, they explore how to move characters, design scenes, and bring stories to life through coding. Students learn to think step by step as they plan, test, and improve their projects. They also practice researching topics and presenting ideas to others, building confidence and a strong foundation in digital citizenship, creativity, and problem-solving.