

OUR LADY OF PEACE SECOND GRADE CURRICULUM

Religion

Our second grade students will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. They will learn through Scripture, prayer, stories, activities, discussion, and reflection about their Catholic faith. Catholic values are discussed and integrated in all subject areas: The focus is on:

- Holy Trinity
- Blessed Mother
- Sacraments
- Celebrating liturgy
- Liturgical seasons
- Traditional prayer
- Lives of the saints

Our religion texts are: *Blest Are We* published by RCL Benziger, *God's Gift Reconciliation* by Loyola Press and *God's Gift Eucharist* by Loyola Press.

Language Arts/Reading

The Language Arts Program, based on the Common Core State Standards, includes reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The components of this literature-based program emphasize the development of skills that allow students to read with fluency, comprehend and interpret written materials, communicate through oral/written word, and listen and speak effectively. The skills acquired are reinforced in all content areas.

Reading/Literature

Our reading text is *Reading Street Common Core* published by Scott Foresman. Students experience literature in the form of nonfiction, fiction, poetry, folktales, and plays. Reading comprehension and fluency develops and improves as students are presented with the following skills:

- Demonstrating understanding of the key details in text
- Describe the structure of a story
- Acknowledge different points of view within a story
- Use illustrations to gain and share information
- Compare and contrast two versions of the same story
- Analyze works of fiction and non-fiction
- Recognize and implement various text features
- Understand author's purpose

Writing

Second grade students use writing to convey meaning. Our students will:

- Write effectively using words and pictures to convey thoughts
- Write multiple sequential sentences on a given topic
- Apply spelling knowledge developed through a variety of spelling and phonetic patterns
- Apply grammar and mechanic basics parts of speech, simple tenses, writing formats, and punctuation

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Listening/Speaking

Second grade students will listen and respond appropriately to the speaker, as well as use acquired language and vocabulary to express opinion. Students will:

- Present material orally
- Participate in discussions
- Read, analyze and retell stories

Mathematics

Our mathematics text is *My Math* published by McGraw–Hill. Second grade students acquire a knowledge of mathematics and apply math skills to solve problems incorporating the Common Core State Standards. Students will:

- Learn addition and subtraction through 100 using strategies
- Fluently add/subtract within 20 mentally
- Work with equal groups of objects to gain foundation for multiplication
- Place value to the thousands
- Measure and estimate lengths in standard units
- Relate addition and subtraction to length
- Work with time and money
- Represent and interpret data using graphs
- Identify and sort geometric figures
- Fractions: $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$

Science

OLP students use concrete, hands-on experiences to understand science in the physical and natural world. They learn through observing, predicting, questioning, and explaining. Students will:

- Categorize and classify living and nonliving things
- Compare sources of energy
- Identify states of matter
- Identify force and motion
- Identify Earth and the universe

Social Studies

Our students will develop an awareness of themselves, the people around them, and the world they live in. The focus is:

- Communities
- Cultural celebrations
- Meeting needs through goods and services
- Traditions
- Famous people and events in history

Homework is given as needed for practice and reinforcement as well as for the completion of special projects.