

Read the Zoo –

We do a weekly reading in the Indy Star about animals at the zoo. In the spring we visit the zoo and find the animals we have learned about.

Social Studies –

We do a weekly Time for Kids magazine with current events. The other units we do cover presidents, holidays, and events for a particular year. We also will be doing “Scavenger Hunts” that will be used to develop social studies topics and concepts. These will be sent home with directions a few times during the school year.

Communication -

You can help your child by keeping informed about the things we are doing. You will have a weekly schedule and a daily assignment sheet that will contain many reminders and updates. These will be available each day and weekly on “Homework Watcher!”

Keeping our lines of communication open will help you and your child have a special “Second Grade Year”.

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Second Grade

Second grade will begin with learning many organizational and procedure skills.

We will spend time reviewing the important steps to good listening!

Our Catholic Faith –

Religion lessons will include learning about the sacraments of Reconciliation, and the Eucharist. These sacraments take place in the spring of the year!

Mass planning and choosing readings and songs for weekly Mass will be part of our class. This gives students many opportunities to participate in our gift of the Eucharist in a special way!



Reading/language Arts –

We have a very interesting and engaging set of stories and activities that help introduce unit work on a variety of topics. Many skills are developed with each set of weekly activities.

Reading activities include a trip to a theater, doing a class play, reading about the Rain Forests, researching bats and penguins, and geography lessons for places in our readings.

Parts of speech and their use will be studied using the Shirley Language program. This uses jingles and repeating question patterns.

Written Expression–

Many different methods are used to increase the written expression of each student. 6+1 Traits of Writing are used to develop skills to include Ideas, Word Choice, Voice, Fluency, Conventions, Organization, and Presentation.

Spelling and Phonics –

Weekly Spelling lists are from the phonics lessons and reading selections. These are arranged by the pattern/word families and begin with short and long vowels and will get more difficult as the year and skills increase.

Math-

Basic facts are practiced to include addition, subtraction, and multiplication. We will also cover the areas of measurement, regrouping, borrowing, money, using charts and graphs, and multistep problem solving.

Accelerated Math is a weekly program using computer generated activities. This enables each child to progress at their own rate and gives challenging materials to those who are ready for them.

Cursive Writing –

After a review of the D'Nealian manuscript letter formations, we learn cursive D'Nealian usually starting in January!

Science –

We have many hands-on activities that cover animals, plants, environment and physical science topics.