

Second Grade Curriculum 2019-2020 (All Subject to Change)

1. Religion

Text: Christ Our Life (Loyola Press)

- Unit 1: Jesus Gives us the Gift of Himself
- Unit 2: Jesus Calls Us to Give Ourselves in Love
- Unit 3: Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Peace
- Unit 4: Jesus Gives us the Gift of Himself
- Unit 5: The Church Celebrates God's Care

-Each unit has multiple chapters which relate to the unit theme.

-Second Graders are expected to attend and participate with their class at weekly Mass on Friday.

-Units will also be supplemented by Bible study from St. Mary's Press The Catholic Children's Bible and by material based on liturgical seasons, Holy Days, and Feast Days.

-Class will begin and end in prayer. Students will be expected to **memorize** and **understand** the following prayers: **The Sign of the Cross, The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Glory Be, My Guardian Angel, Grace before Meals, Grace after Meals, 10 Commandments, Steps to Confession, Act of Contrition, and Penitential Act.**

-Students will be prepared for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion (Units 3 & 4). Students whose parents do not wish to have them receive the Sacraments will still learn and participate in all class activities related to these Sacraments. However, I invite all parents and guardians to join me in forming your child's faith whether you are from the Catholic Faith Tradition, Christian Denomination or other religious denomination. We are called to be models and examples of what is goodness and there needs to be consistency in how we teach and model them. In particular, our Catholic School recognizes Jesus Christ as our model and we teach our students about Christian morals and values. **For parents who wish to have their child receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion this year, there are two mandatory Parent Formation Meeting/Retreats throughout the school year that are centered on the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.** Parents and guardians of all faith traditions are still invited and encouraged to come and see what our Catholic Faith teaches and what your child is learning in school. The dates and times of the Parent Formation Meeting Retreats will be determined. Other important dates to consider are followed:

- **Friday, April 3rd, 8am-3pm:** First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Retreat for Students
- **Tuesday, April 7, 2020 @ 6:30pm:** First Reconciliation for Students
- **Saturday, April 25, 2020 @ 12:00pm:** First Holy Communion Mass

2. Language Arts

- Reading

Text: Benchmark Advance and supplemental texts from Journeys, and TIME for Kids

- In order to increase comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, and interest in reading, students will be reading one story or informational text weekly from our textbook or other sources.
- We will also be reading stories and novels out loud in class and using Accelerated Reader during sustained silent reading time.

- Grammar and Writing
- Students will be receiving grammar and writing instruction using Voyages in English. This text has arranged writing objectives with complementary grammar skills.
- Students will be drafting, editing, and publishing various writing projects throughout the year, including informative, persuasive, and narrative writing projects.
- In addition, students will practice their writing skills as they journal daily.

- Word Work and High Frequency Words
- Spelling will focus on high frequency words and word patterns as defined by the Common Core Standards. Word lists are taken from the Common Core-aligned Benchmark Advance Language Arts curriculum or created from content vocabulary during the week. This year, the ELA curriculum will be supplemented with resources for foundational literacy instruction. The curriculum will be using Journeys' phonics, fluency, and word study routines daily. There will be a dictation assessment every Thursday which is not the same as a Spelling Test. Full-credit is based on how the student can pinpoint letters to the sounds. Students will also be graded on previously learned skills.
- Assessments on high-frequency words will be given every Friday.

- Handwriting
- Text: Writing Our Catholic Faith
- Students will practice printing letters, words, and numbers, and be introduced to cursive at the end of the year.
 - In addition to weekly handwriting lessons, handwriting on final drafts of writing projects will be graded.

3. Math

Text: Go Math! (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt):

- Unit 1: Number Concepts- Even and Odd, Place Value
 - Unit 2: Numbers to 1,000
 - Unit 3: Basic Facts and Relationships
 - Unit 4: 2 Digit Addition
 - Unit 5: 2 Digit Subtraction
 - Unit 6: 3-Digit Addition and Subtraction
 - Unit 7: Money and Time
 - Unit 8: Length in Customary Units
 - Unit 9: Length in Metric Units
 - Unit 10: Data
 - Unit 11: Geometry and Fraction Concepts
- Go Math Is aligned with the Common Core standards.
 - Each unit offers a Mid-Chapter checkpoint quiz and a Unit test. Students should anticipate having quizzes every other week and tests every three weeks or so, depending on the unit. They will always receive at least two days notice about tests or quizzes. All tests and quizzes can be found in their books.
 - Skills are reinforced through daily math homework from the Go Math workbook.

4. Social Studies

Resource: California Studies Weekly

- This new curriculum presents Social Studies concepts and historical content in a way that emphasizes connection to children's lives; this material is supplemented by online resources

such as videos and activities. Broken into 4 quarters with weekly publications, Studies Weekly covers 100% of California History/Social Studies content standards. This curriculum will also be supplemented with Benchmark's stories and specially selected works by the teacher.

5. Science

Text: California Science (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

- Unit 1: Force and Motion
- Unit 2: Sound
- Unit 3: Plants and Animals in their Environments
- Unit 4: Dinosaurs and Fossils
- Unit 5: Rocks and Minerals
- Unit 6: Animal Life Cycles
- Unit 7: All About Plants

-This series is designed to help the students think like a scientist using their scientific processing skills. Each unit of study offers investigations and hands on activities.