

RELIGION

The religion program is based on the CPH *One in Christ* curriculum. 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 and repentance, forgiveness and grace. Second graders participate in daily worship opportunities which include singing and prayer. They also begin to lead others in worship. Through a planned memory program, students learn Scripture verses, hymns, and portions of the Catechism.

ART

Second grade students will continue to grow in their appreciation of the visual arts through art explorations that build an awareness of art in God's world. Using various media including pencil, pastel, charcoal, paint, paper, and sculpting materials, students will express their thoughts with their hands. The elements of art including line, shape, color, value, space, and texture will be discovered. Investigations involving the principles of design including harmony, variety, contrast, balance, movement, and dominance will challenge students as they examine various artistic forms.

COMPUTER

In second grade the children review the proper use of the computer after which the internet and PC programs are used to practice and enhance the curriculum in areas of math, science, and language arts. The students will participate in Internet workshops and projects.

GERMAN

Activities this year will expand upon basic concepts learned in Grade 1. Further vocabulary includes but is not limited to body parts and clothing, the alphabet and spelling, opposites, emotions, review of numbers, and animals. Speaking and listening skills are enhanced as students acquire vocabulary through several new songs, instructional games, and activities. Memorization skills are tested as each student individually learns and recites the Lord's Prayer.

MATH

The second grade students extend their understanding of the base-ten system, focusing on the meaning of the places and the relationships among them. They identify the value of the digit in each place of a multi-digit number. Students develop fluency in counting by fives, tens, and hundreds, and multiples of tens and hundreds.

Students in Grade 2 develop fluency with addition and subtraction within 100 (two-digit numbers). They solve problems

within 1000. They use manipulatives and learn strategies to help them solve problems. Students develop efficient and generalizable methods for finding sums and differences of whole numbers. They select and apply appropriate methods for solving given problems.

They also work with measurement-using standard units (e.g., inches, centimeters) and standard tools to carry out linear measurement.

Grade 2 students explore the properties and attributes of shapes. They describe and analyze shapes so that they will then be able later to work with more sophisticated geometric concepts.

MUSIC

In second grade the children build on the concepts learned in first grade. They will use their voices and pitched/unpitched instruments for more complex rhythm patterns, ostinati, and melodies. They will be able create, explore, improvise, experience musical concepts through speech, singing, playing, and moving. They will develop their singing voices to praise God by singing in church and chapel services.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Skill development is important at any early age. In second grade, students will learn and review locomotor

movements such as skipping, galloping, running, leaping and hopping. They will also review basic forms of non-locomotor movements such as throwing, catching, kicking and stroking. Fitness concepts will also be reinforced—dance /movement units. As the students are learning these basic concepts, teamwork, fair play, compassion for others and good leadership is also focused on.

SCIENCE

The second grade science program offers students a chance to use text and experimentation to better understand the world around them. The topics taught at this grade level are: Plant's Life, Earth's Land and Water, and Measuring Matter.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The second grade social studies program helps children understand the workings of their community and the world around them. The units include: Our World, Native Americans, A Land of Immigration, Citizens and Government, and All About Economics. Reading and map skills are incorporated throughout the book.

LANGUAGE ARTS

English

Grammar and Writing teaches sentence structure and parts of speech (N, V, Adj., Adv.) through songs and giggles. Writing activities include sentences, paragraphs, stories, description, letter writing and book reports. Other writing opportunities are

presented in journal writing.

Handwriting

Manuscript is used for the entire year in grade two. 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.

Reading

The second grade reading program spends time reviewing many phonics and word recognition skills which the 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 asking questions, monitoring, making connections and inferences, summarizing and synthesizing, and visualizing using mentor texts and literature at the students' individual levels.

Spelling

The second grade spelling program consists of grade appropriate word lists which also incorporate a review of words previously taught. Sound patterns presented in first grade are reviewed through these lists. Children are also given the opportunity to practice using the words in context.

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