

SECOND GRADE

Language Arts

Course Description

The 2nd Grade Language Arts program is intended to incorporate reading, creative writing, grammar, and oral skills in an effort to expand communication.

Course Objectives

The 2nd Grade Language Arts Students will

- Read a variety of materials
- Use phonic and whole language strategies
- Read orally and independently
- Create original stories
- Write pieces with a beginning middle and end
- Begin to write for various purposes
- Begin to organize ideas in logical sequence
- Add description and detail to writing
- Begin to develop paragraphs
- Edit and proofread
- Use reference materials (with guidance) to locate information
- Ask questions to gain information
- Analyze and evaluate information in response to specific questions
- Identify roles and responsibilities in cooperative groups
- Work cooperatively in groups
- Begin to write cursive

Learning Activities

- Homework
- Tests
- Quizzes
- Field Trips
- Peer Teaching
- Guest Speakers
- Individual and Cooperative Group Work/Participation
- Interactive Bulletin Boards

Course Texts

Read Well 2009
Spelling Mastery 2007

D'Nealian Handwriting

Scott Foresman 1999

Supplemental Materials

Videos

- Reading Rainbow
- Nature
- National Geographic
- Eye Witness

Supplemental books and magazines

- Copy Cat and Mailbox Magazines

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Math

Course Description

Second grade math is designed to develop and reinforce mathematical strategies and introduce concepts that will give access to facts while working toward mastery.

Course Objectives

The 2nd Grade Math Students will

- Use number patterns to solve problems
- Compare, contrast and order numbers
- Gather data
- Create and interpret graphs
- Count and group numbers by 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, 10's... to 100
- Recognize numbers through 1,000
- Use a number line
- Recognize odd and even numbers
- Use $<$, $>$, $+$, $-$ and $=$ math concepts
- Identify place values by 1's, 10's, and 100's
- Order numbers from greatest to least and vice versa
- Know basic addition/subtraction facts to 18
- Solve simple addition and subtraction story problems
- Use estimation skills
- Read and write number sentences
- Recognize three-dimensional shapes
- Read and write time to the hour and half hour
- Count money
- Measure
- Order days and months on a calendar
- Begin 2-digit addition and subtraction

Learning Activities

- Homework
- Tests
- Quizzes
- Peer Teaching
- Use of Calculators
- Math Manipulatives
- Individual and Cooperative Group Work/Participation

Course Texts

Mathematics

Scott Foresman Addison Wesley Mathematics 2008

Rocket Math 2009

SECOND GRADE

Science

Course Description

2nd Grade science is a program designed to present science concepts in the context of real-life places and applications.

Course Objectives

2nd Grade Students will

- Ask questions, find answers, and compare the known and unknown, through scientific investigations
- Use appropriate equipment and technology to observe and investigate objects and organisms in the environment
- Apply appropriate measuring skills in every day situations
- Demonstrate a respect for living things
- Conduct investigations in cooperative groups
- Communicate the process and results of investigations to others
- Use science vocabulary appropriately
- Observe, compare and describe animal behavior
- Discuss how individual decisions can impact the environment

Learning Activities

- Homework
- Tests
- Quizzes
- Student Worksheets
- Field Trips
- Peer Teaching
- Interactive Bulletin Boards
- Experiments
- Individual and Cooperative Group Work/Participation

Course Texts

Scott Foresman Science 2006

Supplemental Materials

Videos

- Reading Rainbow
- Nature
- National Geographic
- Eye Witness
- Magic School Bus

Books and Magazines

- Copy Cat
- Mailbox

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Social Studies

Course Description

2nd Grade social studies is a program designed to introduce, develop and reinforce appreciation and awareness of the world and its people.

Course Objectives

Students will

- Understand the need for rules
- Understand how voting contributes to the democratic process
- Understand the importance and meaning of national holidays and symbols
- Recognize that change requires adjustment
- Practice positive examples of citizenship, friendship, and membership in a group
- Recognize the contributions people past and present have made to society
- Begin to interpret maps, timelines and current events

Learning Activities

- Homework
- Tests
- Quizzes
- Student Worksheets
- Field Trips
- Peer Teaching
- Individual and Cooperative Group Work/Participation

Course Texts

None

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Religion

Course Description

2nd Grade Religion program presents important doctrines, scripture, and teachings of the Catholic Church and their meaning for our lives, that is intended to help children internalize and practice the faith at home and in their parish.

Course Objectives

Students will

- Begin to understand the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist
- Deepen their understanding of the Mass
- Understand the meaning of Jesus as “Peacemaker”

Learning Activities

- All School Mass
- Monthly Mass
- Special Prayer Service
- Special Saint Pages
- Daily Prayer
- Season Activities

Course Texts

Walking by Faith

Brown ROA 1999

Supplemental Materials

- Children’s Daily Prayer
- Bible
- Video
- The Catholic Source Book