

# SECOND GRADE AT ST. PAUL

## Curriculum Summary

### Welcome to St. Paul's Second Grade

Welcome to St. Paul Elementary School! Our early elementary students are offered an exciting, engaging curriculum that lays a solid foundation in all subject areas. Student explore and discover as they develop a love and passion for learning. Early elementary students also engage in a variety of additional classes including technology, art, music, gym and library. The following sheets describe the curriculum for second grade. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like more information.

### *Bible Study*

The second graders begin the day with devotions and end the day with Bible Study. The children learn how God loves them and how He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be their Savior. They study Old and New Testament lessons with a special year-end focus on the ministry of Paul. The children memorize Bible verses, songs and prayers that reflect God's unconditional love. They have their own prayer partner and keep prayer journals. They learn and celebrate the seasons of the church year. Once during the school year, the second graders lead an all-school chapel service. Every other year, the second graders join the kindergarteners through fourth graders and perform in a musical based on a Bible story. They also participate in community service projects and get to put their faith into action.

### *Science*

During second grade the students use non-fiction texts, interactive technology, and inquiry-based activities as they explore the world God created. The children focus on plants and animals and their habitats; earth's resources especially land and water; weather and space; matter; motion; and energy. The children learn and follow the scientific method as they explore these topics by making models, participating in Quick Lab activities, create projects, and complete performance assessments.



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***Language Arts***

Every student practices speaking, listening, reading, and writing every day. Second graders practice speaking and listening using a variety of opportunities: preparing and leading the Math Message (daily calendar), preparing and giving informal and formal presentations, presenting Book Talks, and responding to the Question of the Day as well as journal prompts. The children also practice reading skills and strategies that increase their comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and vocabulary. These skill and strategies are taught during read-alouds, shared reading, guided reading, and independent reading. Second graders use the Six Traits of Writing (word choice, sentence fluency, conventions, ideas, organization, and voice) as they learn to write independently for a variety of purposes. They learn and use steps of the Writing Process as they create weekly writing projects. Cursive writing is introduced during the second semester of second grade.

***Math***

In second grade, students use math manipulatives and tools, play games, and participate in interactive math stories as they learn to make sense of problems and solve them. The children practice math skills as they work in small groups, work independently or work together as a class. They practice different ways to add and subtract two and three-digit numbers; work with equal groups; learn place value to 100 and to 1,000; use mental math to solve addition and subtraction problems using two and three-digit numbers; name and describe plane shapes and solid figures; count and compare combination of coins and different amounts of money; measure and compare lengths of objects; use clocks; and make and use different kinds of graphs. The children learn to solve story problems and use a math journal. They master a variety of problem solving skills. Three days a week, the students practice addition and subtraction facts to 20 using timed tests.

***Social Studies***

The children in second grade use projects, activities, and a variety of media sources to study geography, economics, government, history, and culture of the United States of America. The second graders learn to use maps and globes to locate places. The students learn about primary sources and use them to learn about the past. They study families and trade, needs and wants, goods and services, and how to make good choices. The children study the cultures of people who live in the United States with a focus on Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans and Asian Americans. They learn about explorers, scientists, inventors, artists, and leaders in our country. They celebrate national holidays, participate in voting, and create projects to show their patriotism. They explore the community on field trips.

***Physical Education***

Second graders attend a 30 minute, physical education class three times per week. During this time, they learn how to keep their bodies healthy by exercising and learning “step-up” skills for individual and group sports. They also learn a variety of games that allow them to practice these skills. The children join the rest of the school on Field Day at the end of the school year.

***Fine Arts***

Students in second grade study music once a week. They listen to a variety of musical styles to understand the history of music. They learn a Hymn of the Month which reinforces their knowledge of the church year. They are members of a choir which practices 30 minutes once a week. The choir learns songs to help lead two or three worship services during the school year. The children also sing during the all-school Christmas Service in December. Second graders also learn about visual art by studying artists and their specific style and then creating projects using that style during a 45 minute, weekly art class.

