

## **SCIENCE**

Science is taught with an emphasis on understanding the world that God made in the context of life, physical, and earth science and health.

Hands-on experiments are provided for enrichment and understanding.



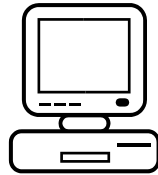
## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Second grade students will learn about their community and the world around them. They learn about farms, towns, cities, and suburbs. Then they are introduced to larger concepts involving their country, their world, and famous people who have made a difference. They will learn about map skills, landforms, and habitats around the world.



## **COMPUTERS**

Second grade students learn proper keyboarding skills while using programs that help practice math, reading, language arts, and science skills. Internet website are shared.



## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Second graders will work on such locomotor skills as running, skipping, hopping and jumping. They will learn to practice socially appropriate behavior while playing games with their classmates. They will understand the importance of exercising and keeping the body healthy.

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## *2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Curriculum*



## *Our Mission Statement:*

Trinity Lutheran School partners with students and families to live and mature in the Christian faith while providing educational excellence.

## RELIGION

Our classroom religion curriculum is drawn from the CPH *Voyages Exploring God's*



*Word* series. Students learn various Bible stories that emphasize God's unfolding plan of salvation through Jesus. Old Testament stories tell about

man's fall into sin, God's promise to send a Savior, and how God's people looked forward to the fulfillment of this promise. The students then learn from the New Testament about the life of Jesus our Savior and the beginnings of the Christian church. Students daily have the opportunity for worship, singing, and prayer, and lead one chapel service during the year. A planned memory program helps students learn Scripture verses, portions of the Catechism, and Christian songs.

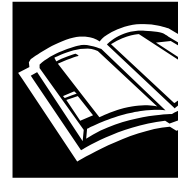
## ENGLISH

Second grade English is a balance of grammar rules and writing practice. Students learn about nouns, verbs, adjectives, capitalization, and basic punctuation. They practice writing clear, complete sentences. They write short stories with correct sequence and an appropriate number of details. They write formal letters, and are introduced to writing paragraphs.

## READING

Second grade reading reviews many previously introduced phonics and word recognition skills.

Children work to become more fluent, independent readers. They practice a variety of comprehension and decoding strategies. Children read a variety of types of literature in the *Houghton Mifflin* series, other trade books, and selected theme materials. Students are encouraged to enjoy literature through teacher-read stories and poems, free time reading, and oral reading with the class.



## SPELLING

Second graders review words from first grade and then learn to spell words with more complicated spelling patterns. Students are encouraged to develop correct spelling in daily work.



## MATH

Using *Everyday Math*, the second grade program reviews concepts such as calendar skills, telling time, counting money, reading a thermometer, and reading graphs, patterns, and more. During the year, addition and subtraction facts through 20 are learned. Addition and subtraction of 2 and 3 digit numbers are taught, including the concepts of place value and "regrouping". Multiplication and division are introduced. Skills and concepts are taught with "hands on" practice and frequent review. Geometric shapes, fractions and measurement are taught as well.



## HANDWRITING

Second graders master all the D'Nealian letters and are introduced to D'Nealian cursive writing. Emphasis is placed on neatness and legibility.



## MUSIC

Second grade students will begin to understand important characteristics of music such as beat, volume, and speed. They will sing a variety of songs including hymns, fun songs, patriotic songs, holiday songs, and educational songs.



## ART

Students will learn the basic vocabulary and elements of art. They will come to recognize God as the master artist, enjoy creating their own work, and appreciate the art work of others. They will experience drawing, painting, sculpting, and much more.

