

# **St. Valentine School Curriculum Highlights**

## **Grade 2**

During the year, second grade students will be working toward developing these goals in their work habits:

- Work in an organized manner
- Work independently
- Use listening skills
- Follow directions
- Work cooperatively in groups
- Participate in discussions/classroom activities
- Be responsible for completing homework assignments
- Show good effort
- Be responsible for their own actions

\*Parents will find an update on the school website classroom page each week outlining specific curriculum points that will be addressed throughout that week.

### **Religion**

In Grade 2, students will be prepared for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

They will also learn about these Faith Formation Benchmarks:

- Grace
- The Mass
- Be introduced to the 10 Commandments and the Act of Contrition
- School wide Faith Formation topics which follow a four year cycle of:
  - The Mass
  - The Saints
  - Old Testament
  - New Testament
  - Sunday gospels

Students will take part in the liturgy at weekly masses. Students will also participate in other prayer opportunities throughout the school year.

### **English**

In the area of Grammar, Grade 2 students will learn to:

- Identify a sentence
- Name parts of a sentence
- Action parts of a sentence
- Telling, command and interrogative sentences
- Exclamations
- Nouns
- Special nouns
- Pronouns
- Using I and me
- Plural nouns
- Plural nouns that change in spelling
- Singular and plural possessive nouns

- Verbs, past and present tense
- Irregular verbs
- Adjectives, including a, an, and the
- Comparing with adjectives

## **Writing**

Students in Grade 2 will:

- Write a complete sentence
- Combine sentences
- Write dates
- Correctly use punctuation marks and capitalization
- Write a friendly letter
- Write a paragraph
- Write a simple story with a beginning, middle and end
- Complete a research paper
- Complete a personal narrative
- Complete a compare and contrast paper

## **Reading**

In Grade 2, students will be able to recognize high frequency words.

They will develop the following reading strategies through small group guided reading:

- Monitoring and clarifying
- Predict and infer
- Evaluate
- Summarize
- Question
- Use phonetic decoding

In the area of comprehension, Grade 2 students will study:

- Fantasy and realism
- Predicting outcomes
- Comparing and contrasting
- Fact and opinion
- Categorize and classify
- Topic, main idea and detail
- Problem solving
- Making inferences
- Drawing conclusions
- Cause and effect
- Text organization
- Making generalizations
- Following directions
- Making judgment
- Sequence of events
- Author's viewpoint
- Noting details

Students will work to meet an Accelerated Reader goal each marking period.

## **Phonics**

In Grade 2, students will explore:

- Initial, medial and final consonants
- Consonant blends
- Consonant digraphs
- Hard and soft G and C
- -le ending in two syllable words
- Short vowels
- Long vowels
- Y as a vowel
- R controlled vowels
- Vowel pairs, vowel digraphs and diphthongs
- Rhyming words
- Compound words
- Contractions
- Prefixes and suffixes
- Synonyms
- Antonyms
- Homonyms

## **Spelling**

Students in Grade 2 will learn to spell:

- Short vowel words
- Vowel-consonant-e spellings
- Long vowel patterns
- Words with consonant clusters
- Words with double consonants
- Words with consonant digraphs
- Words ending in nd, ng, nk
- Two-syllable words ending in er
- Contractions
- Words ending with ed or ing

## **References and Study Skills**

Students in Grade 2 will learn to:

- Read diagrams
- Use a map
- Use a glossary
- Use dictionary
  - ABC order to the third letter
  - Guide words
  - Entry words
- Read a chart
- Learn parts of a book
  - Title page
  - Table of contents
- Calendar
- Understand and use time lines

- Keep homework on a daily planner page

## **Mathematics**

In Grade 2 in small group setting, students will learn about:

- Number and operation sense
- Odd and even numbers
- Addition and subtraction facts
- Place value to 1000
- Addition and subtraction with three digits
- Two digit regrouping
- Time
- Money
- Measurement
- Geometry
- Probability
- Estimation
- Fractions
- Tables, pictographs and charts
- Story problems
- Logical reasoning
- Mental math
- multiplication and division introduction
- Memorization of math facts using an online program

## **Handwriting**

Students in Grade 2 will:

- Reinforce manuscript writing
- Be introduced to cursive writing and reading
- Write words and sentences in manuscript and cursive
- Learn and apply the four keys of legibility
  - Shape
  - Size
  - Spacing
  - Slant

## **Science**

Students in Grade 2 will study:

- Life science
  - Plants
  - Animals
- Physical science
  - Matter
  - Electricity
  - Sound
  - Light
  - Magnets
- Earth Science
  - Landforms

- Natural resources
- Conservation
- Solar system
- Human Body
  - Heart
  - Brain
  - Lung functions
  - Health and safety

## **Social Studies**

Students in Grade 2 will study:

- Communities
- Responsible citizenship
- Economics
- Map and globe skills
- Biographies of famous people
- Interpretation of charts, graphs, and timelines

## **Library**

In the library, students in Grade 2 will:

- Listen to stories
- Read for enjoyment
- Work on projects that coordinate with stories
- Continue to learn about book care
- Learn to locate books in the library
- Work on library behavior
- Learn basic library skills such as parts of a book, ABC order and different types of books
- Participate in special reading events

## **Spanish**

Students will learn the Spanish language and culture through activities including, but not limited to, reading, writing, speaking, listening, and singing.

Second Grade- Students will continue to build their foundation of knowledge of the Spanish language and culture through various activities such as reading, writing, listening, speaking, and singing.

- Colors
- Numbers 1-50
- Days of the week
- Months of the year
- Holidays
- Food
- Common greetings and closings
- Questions
- Feelings
- Family
- Clothing

- Weather
- Animals
- Body
- Characteristics
- Adjectives

Students in Grade 2 will also participate in Physical Education, Computer, Art and Music classes once each week and Spanish twice each week. Grade 2 will participate in 2-4 field trips per year as pertain to their studies.