



Valley Catholic Second Grade Curriculum Overview

Catholic

Religious Instruction:

There is an emphasis on four major themes: *Importance and meaning of Mass, the Seven Sacraments, the Ten Commandments, and the Liturgical Church Calendar.*

Language Arts/ Reading:

Focuses on phonics patterns and rules, literacy, writing, fluency, and comprehension skills and strategies

Art:

Includes an introduction to the elements and principles of art design and art production and a parent-led art literacy program

Math :

Practices double digit addition and subtraction with regrouping, place value to 1,000, time, money, measurement and data, geometry, and fractions

Health:

Second Step (a social-emotional learning program), food groups, dental health, and staying active

Technology:

Classes focus on using technology responsibly and appropriately, and technology is used to enhance the different subject areas. Students visit the computer lab once each week to learn technology skills, and they use iPads in the classroom to assist with their learning.

Library:

Second Graders have library once a week for 45 minutes and may check out two books for a period of one week. Their weekly lessons include information about library procedures, proper library behavior, returning books on time, book selection, book care, reading and listening comprehension, literature appreciation, differences between fiction and non-fiction materials, and other genres.

Spanish:

Students explore age-appropriate Spanish language concepts and culture through music, movement, and meaningful connections, with class twice a week for 35 minutes.

Music:

Twice a week for 45 minutes with a focus on pitch, rhythm, and basic theory.

Social Studies:

History-local community impact/SSMO Heritage timeline

Civics and Government-local government, laws, and leaders

Geography- using maps/directions

Economics/Financial Literacy- financial goals/goods and services, producers and consumers

Social Sciences Analysis-compare and contrast events in communities/connect historical events

Science:

Studies the following: Structure and Properties of Matter, Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems, Earth's Systems: Processes that shape the Earth, and Engineering Design

Physical Education:

Practicing motor skills, ball-handling skills, sports skills, fitness, tumbling, and swimming