

Science

- ✿ Plants/Animals: Classification using characteristics to see how each are the same and different.
- ✿ Recognize how each interacts with their environment, adaptations, life spans, food webs and pyramids. Describes growth and needs.
- ✿ Fossil formation and how they are found.
- ✿ Matter, Sound, Light, and Magnets.
- ✿ Weather/Seasons: How they affect our world.
- ✿ How weather tools are used to measure each season.
- ✿ Solar System: Basic patterns of the sun and moon, along with appearance during seasons.
- ✿ Use of the Mimeo board to make lessons interactive.
- ✿ Use of Responsive Classroom techniques in Morning Meeting.

Special Curriculum Classes

(The Arts)

Music

- ✿ Music appreciation.
- ✿ Singing performance.

Art

- ✿ Art techniques and media.
- ✿ Elements and principles of art.

Library

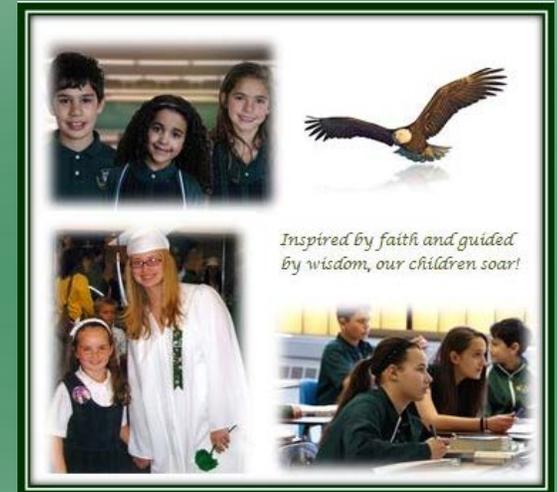
- ✿ Library organization.
- ✿ Distinguishing fiction from nonfiction.
- ✿ Using our online catalog.
- ✿ Dewey Decimal system.
- ✿ About the public library.
- ✿ Dictionary use.
- ✿ Appreciation of library as a lifelong activity.

Technology

- ✿ Mouse movements
- ✿ Touch screen gestures
- ✿ Typing skills
- ✿ Web page site word recognition
- ✿ Internet safety and general problem solving – all while playing educational games.
- ✿ Second grade also participates in the annual Hour of Code. We also begin to log on and use Google Apps.

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This brochure captures the main points of what we offer as part of a rigorous curriculum, focused on whole child development: spiritually, academically and physically, grades Pre-K through Grade 8, laying the foundation for life-long success.

Grade 2

Independent Investigation

Method (IIM)

Second Grade learns to research, write, and make a visual representation of the four seasons. They learn to record their findings and organize their facts and information. They gain knowledge not only of the topic and the world, but of English, Journalism and Library skills.

Religion

- ✿ Sacraments
- ✿ Rosary
- ✿ Mass
- ✿ Bible
- ✿ Sacramental nature of the Liturgical Season
- ✿ We spend reflective time in our chapel and attend Mass together. Religion themes and connections are integrated throughout the subjects weekly.

Social Studies

- ✿ Maps
- ✿ History
- ✿ Communities
- ✿ Holidays
- ✿ Geography
- ✿ Patriotic Symbols
- ✿ Government
- ✿ Economics

Physical Education

- ✿ Locomotor skills such as balancing.
- ✿ Spatial awareness such as personal space.
- ✿ Ways to use movement to express self.
- ✿ Participation in healthy activities. increasing breathing and heart rate.

Reading and Language

- ✿ Fluent and accurate oral reading.
- ✿ Answering questions accurately from a passage.
- ✿ Using a sentence or paragraph to figure out an unknown word or sentence.
- ✿ Accurately ordering a story from beginning to middle to end.
- ✿ Forming the Main Idea of a paragraph.
- ✿ Using high frequency words in reading and writing.
- ✿ Grammar: Parts of speech, subject/predicate, nouns, adjectives, contractions.
- ✿ Inference/Predicting Outcomes: Making inferences for a passage or story and making predictions before, during and after reading.
- ✿ Literature: Reading fiction and nonfiction from stories, poems and plays by famous authors.
- ✿ Spelling: Building vowel sounds, blends, digraphs.

Writing

- ✿ Sentence structure.
- ✿ 4-5 sentence letters and stories.
- ✿ Process from draft to publication.
- ✿ Introduction to cursive midyear.

Mathematics

- ✿ Order and compare numbers 0-1000.
- ✿ Read and make different types of graphs and pictographs.
- ✿ Analyze patterns using more than, less than, equal to.
- ✿ Mentally add or subtract whole number facts through 20.
- ✿ Use different addition/subtraction strategies to add or subtract math facts e.g. making 10, double, counting on, and finding the missing addend.
- ✿ Place value to 1000.
- ✿ Building skills to add money together up to \$10.00 and making change from \$10.00 or less.
- ✿ Telling time to the quarter hour, half hour, hour, and minutes.
- ✿ Numbers to 1000.
- ✿ Fractions of $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{5}$.
- ✿ Measurement conversion within systems to solve problems (feet to inches).
- ✿ Multiplication and Division of 2, 3, 4, 5, 10.
- ✿ Introduction to geometry: faces and sides, area.