

## Art

Students focus on developing their fine motor skills and are introduced to a variety of new media and artistic methods. Students begin to learn basic art vocabulary and learn about the elements of art: color, line, value, shape, form, and texture incorporated into their historical, seasonal inspired projects. Students create and maintain an art journal that illustrates their learning and incorporates reflections and critiques. Students begin to learn how to evaluate their work and are encouraged to give respectful feedback to fellow classmates and artists, as well as begin to learn about important artists and art movements.

## Music

- Demonstrating basic rhythm and notation reading
- Participating in classroom movement and activities (i.e., marching)
- Basic knowledge of form and musical vocabulary and instrument families
- Use their best singing voice through performance and classroom songs
- Play basic rhythms and play more than one instruments part on pitched percussion instruments such as xylophones
- Write basic rhythmic composition and perform them for the class

## Physical Education

- Skill development for performing locomotor and non locomotor movements
- Skill development of eye/hand and eye/feet coordination
- Skill development on balance, throwing, catching, kicking, and dribbling, as well as parachute and jump rope activities
- Organized games that provide recreational and physical fitness values
- Administration of the president's physical fitness test once a year
- Discussions regarding nutrition, healthy food choices, personal hygiene, and cleanliness

## Foreign Language

Students receive Spanish instruction once a week for 30 minutes with a certified Spanish instructor.

### **Visitation Catholic School Mission Statement**

Visitation School is part of Visitation Parish and a place where we learn about the lessons taught by Jesus Christ.

We do our best each day to pray, worship, and learn together.

Our teachers help us understand the importance of respecting and serving others as Jesus did.

I will work hard today and everyday to follow the example of Jesus.



*"Celebrating the past  
to awaken the future"*

# Grade Two Curriculum Overview

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### Religion

As part of our religious studies in second grade the students will also prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation in the Fall and First Eucharist in the Spring. Student's will have a better understanding of God's love for us by

- Understand the meaning of the parts of the Mass
- Reading and understanding the message of age appropriate Bible stories
- Understanding the Graces given to us through the Sacraments
- Understanding the Works of Mercy by doing service projects for the needy in the community

### Literacy K-2

We use the Superkids Reading Program, which includes an emphasis on Christian values as we explore reading, spelling, writing, grammar, listening, and speaking skills. The highly motivated program teaches students to learn that the previously mentioned concepts are all ways to express ideas, and communication is the goal of all language arts.

### Phonics

- Advanced structural analysis of word patterns

### Reading/Spelling

- Decoding and encoding longer words

### Literacy continued

- Reading fluently at grade level
- Comprehension skills applied to fiction and nonfiction texts

### Writing

- Paragraph writing using Six Traits
- Learning editing skills
- Publish informational, narrative, & persuasive works

### Mathematics

Our math curriculum encompasses a wide variety of concepts with a strong emphasis on a deeper understanding of the math concept. With GoMath the children will perform more critical thinking skills in all areas of math.

- Adds and subtracts fluently within 20
- Adds and subtracts with and without regrouping of three digit numbers
- Tell time and count money
- Work with geometric shapes and their attributes
- Work with measurement
- Interpret data and understand graphs
- Work with story problems
- Understand repeated addition

### Science

The second grade science curriculum aligns with the Next Generation Science Standards and uses the STEMscopes series. The scientific method is used to explore and understand.

- Organisms- Needs and Interactions- Animal and plant dependence- Plant life including pollination
- Charges to the Earth- Quick and slow charges to land
- Mapping Land and Water
- Engineering- selecting and using materials in the design process- Matter and the different form it takes

### Social Studies

Our Social Studies curriculum focuses on citizenship and the moral implications of choices made by the government and its citizens. To understand democratic values, students will become informed, responsible, and contributing citizens as Christians in a global society. We strive to achieve our standards and goals through a multi-faceted approach, promoting a respect for diversity through multicultural exploration.

- Basic concepts of democracy
- Understanding wants and needs
- Geography skills and landforms
- Understanding how communities change over time
- Elmhurst history