



Valley Catholic Second Grade Curriculum Overview

Catholic Religious Instruction

Following the guidance of the Archdiocese, we offer students the opportunity to grow their faith through prayer, service, Mass participation, celebrating sacraments and seasons of the Church, and living according to the Church's teaching through our SLEs and virtues.

Spanish

Students engage in age-appropriate Spanish language concepts and culture through music, movement, and meaningful connections with their classmates twice a week.

Health

We focus on whole body health by following the Jump Rope for Heart program. We also support social-emotional growth by incorporating Second Step program lessons and community building activities.

Art

Students learn about different styles of art, use different mediums, and explore personal expression as they draw, paint, and sculpt.

Physical Education

Students practice motor skills, ball handling, sports, fitness, tumbling, and swimming.

Language Arts/Reading Readiness

We use a number of programs to help students grow in their reading abilities looking at various genres. Students practice their phonemic awareness. They work on building comprehension strategies, apply comprehension skills, reading fluency, and accuracy. We support students as they work to become strong writers by teaching grammar and spelling rules. Second graders also practice writing narrative, informational, and opinion pieces.

Math

Students work to develop strong problem solving and algebraic thinking skills as they practice 2 and 3-digit addition and subtraction, have a strong foundation of place value, practice with money, measurement and data, and geometric shapes.

Science

Students study the following: structure and properties of matter, interdependent relationships in ecosystems, processes that shape the earth, and engineering design.

Social Studies

Major topics include: civics and government looking at government services and leaders, geography through map skills, history of local community and analyzing past and present, and economics and financial literacy looking at roles of banks, saving, and goods and services.

Music

Students participate in age-appropriate music theory, instrument exploration, pitch, rhythm, and singing psalms twice each week.

Library

Students will visit the library each week. This valuable experience allows them to develop knowledge of library procedures, grow their reading comprehension, and practice personal responsibility as they borrow books to take home to read.

Technology

Weekly classes enhance core content and help develop responsible use of tools.