

## **CURRICULUM – GRADE 2**

### **Religion**

This Is Our Faith (Silver Burdett and Ginn)

We prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with We Celebrate Reconciliation (Silver Burdett and Ginn).

We begin our sacramental preparation for First Communion with the program titled, We Celebrate the Eucharist (Silver Burdett and Ginn). Our curriculum also includes use of a Gospel Weekly titled, The Good News. Through the units of study, students will gain an awareness of the Catholic Church as a community to which we belong, and they will be introduced to each of the Sacraments, the Mass, and our journey of Faith.

### **Reading**

(Scribner Series, Laidlaw)

Skills acquired include phonics, word identification skills, comparing and contrasting, cause/effect, fantasy/reality, drawing conclusions, and predicting outcomes.

### **Phonics**

Phonics Level B, (Modern Curriculum Press)

We review skills which include alphabetical order, initial, medial, and final consonants, blends, digraphs, short/long vowels, and the use of Y as a vowel. The new skills acquired include hard/soft C and G, vowel digraphs, diphthongs, R-controlled vowels, double vowels, prefixes, suffixes, plurals, compound two-syllable words, synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms.

### **English**

Language for Daily Use (HBJ)

New skills acquired include parts of a sentence, listening and speaking, alphabetical order, study skills, library skills, the writing process, and poetry.

### **Spelling**

Spelling Connections (Zaner-Bloser)

New skills acquired include spelling rules, word study, and introduction to the dictionary.

### **Handwriting**

(Zaner-Bloser, 1991)

We will begin cursive letter formation in January.

### **Math**

Mathematics (Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley)

Skills include adding and subtracting 1, 2, and 3-digit numbers, place value to 99, time, money, metric measurement, geometry, fractions, and multiplying. We use a variety of math manipulatives and computer software to assist with these concepts.

### **Social Studies**

How to Use a Map, Land Forms and bodies of Water, Continents and Oceans (Scholastic News)

People and Places (Scott Foresman)

Units of study include map and globe skills, family, community, our nation, other countries and cultures, transportation, continents and oceans, and landforms and other bodies of water.

### **Science**

Science Weekly, and Pyramid Café

(A study of the five food groups, sponsored by the American Dairy Association)

Science (Macmillan/McGraw-Hill)

Topics among the earth, life, and physical sciences include plants, animals, land and water habitats, weather, the earth, the sun, planets, matter, energy, and magnetic forces.