



**Pilgrim**  
Lutheran School

# Second Grade

## Highlights

## INTRODUCTION

During second grade, students continue to build a strong foundation of skills that will help them be successful learners in the years to come. Students experience a variety of hands on learning opportunities in each subject area and are encouraged to work cooperatively with their classmates on various learning activities. It is exciting to see students grow throughout the year academically, emotionally, and spiritually, as they take an active role in their education.

### Religion

Voyages is a Christ-centered curriculum, which emphasizes living the faith in everyday life. It is our hope that the students will grow in their desire to know God and live His way. In the Second Grade, the emphasis is on God's gifts to each individual. Lessons follow a chronological survey of the Bible and include Bible verses, songs, prayer, and weekly memory of verses. Through these studies, the most important thing is the student's relationship to Jesus Christ and their response to His love and sacrifice.

### Reading / Literacy

The Houghton/Mifflin reading program begins the verbal, visual, oral and written language development in the primary grades. This program was selected for its strong emphasis on phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension development. This is combined with the "Daily 5" program to provide each student with a comprehensive reading curriculum that meets each child's individual reading needs. The "Daily 5" is a way of structuring the reading block so that every student is independently engaged in meaningful literacy tasks. The research-based tasks are fun, engaging, and have big impacts on student reading and writing achievement. The "Daily 5" components are: Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Word Work, and Work on Writing.

The MACMILLAN/McGraw Hill "Language Arts" curriculum provides students with a solid grammatical and mechanical foundation on which to build their writing skills. Students are given ample exposure to and practice with various writing traits that cross over to other subject areas.

### Science

McGraw/Hill science curriculum encourages students to explore and observe the world around them. Each lesson offering an experiment/exploration activity. The curriculum combines Life, Earth and Physical sciences. Exposing students to a wide variety of science concepts at an early age helps them gain an interest in and a better understanding of these concepts.

### Math

Mathematics by McGraw-Hill is a developmental math program that incorporates manipulatives, daily oral math and problem solving strategies to help children learn and carry out math concepts. Addition concepts include estimation, temperature and beginning multiplication and division. Children are also introduced to geometry, measurement, fractions and probability.

### Social Studies

People and Places by Scott Foresman covers local community, geography and our countries basic history from discovery to pioneer times. Special units focusing on citizen hero's historical biographies and responsible citizenship round out the program and gives students a chance to relate what they are learning to their lives. Additional units include Ancient Egypt, Native American Tribes and Pilgrims/Plymouth colony.

### Experiences Include:

- Character Carnival
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Choir/Music Instruction
- Valentine Town
- (Winter & Spring Music programs)
- Weekly Chapel
- Egypt Extravaganza
- Field Day
- Field Trips to compliment units of study
- Gift of a personal Bible
- Library/Computer Instruction
- National Lutheran School's Week
- P.E. Instruction twice weekly
- School Wide Assemblies
- Science/Art/Social Studies/Literature/Math Fair (Rotation)
- Scientific Crime Scene Analysis