

EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM 2ND GRADE

STJCS



PRIMARY 2ND GRADE

This curriculum overview is designed to summarize the major goals of the instructional program for Second Grade at St. James Cathedral School.

Although the curriculum is presented in this document by different subject areas, the skills and competencies from each area are often integrated during daily instruction.

The curriculum of St. James has been designed to follow the recommendations of the Diocese of Orlando and meets and/or exceeds the expectations set forth in the Florida State Standards.

The curriculum is enhanced or modified yearly to meet the needs of our student population.

SJCS

Academic excellence and spiritual enrichment since 1928.

Our Mission

St. James Cathedral School is an educational ministry of St. James Cathedral Church. A Catholic school committed to outstanding academic and spiritual development of all students, St. James Cathedral School provides varied opportunities for students to discover and develop their unique God-given gifts in a safe and stimulating learning environment. The love and stewardship of Jesus is our inspiration. We come to learn; we leave to serve.

Our Beliefs

We believe it is our mission as Catholic educators to model the values and beliefs we teach in a faith-based community that fosters self-respect and respect for others.

We believe it is our role to develop and foster each child's unique, God-given gifts by encouraging students to do all they are capable of doing by themselves in child-centered classrooms where teachers act as facilitators.

We believe that Catholic schools should provide children with a spiritual and academic foundation that will lead to the development of creative and ethical problem solvers who will make a positive contribution to our world.

We believe that a St. James education should include intellectual, spiritual, moral and emotional formation that reflects the values we hold most dearly... integrity, honesty, moral courage, discipline and initiative.

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2nd Grade Academics



Mathematics

GO Math! combines today's educational technology with modern content, dynamic interactivities, and a variety of instructional videos to engage today's digital natives. Students are supported through universal access features of the program as they learn critical thinking and apply their math knowledge. Whether using the innovative Online Student Edition or Write-in Student Edition, students have all the resources they need to succeed.

Mathematics curriculum include: place value, addition and subtraction fact memorization, addition and subtraction with regrouping, math vocabulary, fractions, shapes, measurement, time, two-step word problems, problem-solving techniques, expanded notation, rounding, and money. Students use manipulatives, technology, books, and written practice to master the math concepts.

Social Studies

The following topics are covered: communities, citizenship, map skills, the fifty states, continents, resources, wants and needs, cultures, world trade, goods and services, immigration, Native Americans, Colonial life, government and laws. Students are introduced to methods of historical inquiry and reporting through technology, field trips, projects, books, and guest speakers.

Science

ScienceFusion, by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, is a state-of-the-art science program designed for building inquiry and STEM skills and optimized for learning in the classroom or at home, on a laptop, tablet, or using a science textbook.

The STEM program in ScienceFusion provides real-world challenges, hands-on activities, and Video-based Projects that develop important critical-thinking skills that will prepare students for success in the workplace and in life.

Language Arts

Curriculum: Reading Street by Scott Foresman/Pearson

The reading program uses literature, poems, plays, and puppet shows to study reading, spelling, writing skills, and to develop comprehension and listening skills.

Grammar skills are emphasized. Formal phonics instruction centers on word-attack strategies. Manuscript handwriting is reviewed and cursive is introduced.

Formal paragraph writing is developed through the introduction to expository and narrative writing prompts. With the organization of a web, a well organized five paragraph essay is developed.

Religion

Christ Our Life encourages faith knowledge that helps children articulate their Catholic faith. Written by the Sisters of Notre Dame, the new 2016 edition of Christ Our Life fosters children's love of God and a rich knowledge of our Catholic faith so they can proudly go out into the world and proclaim it. With its thorough presentation of the authentic teachings of the Catholic Church, its comprehensive approach, and its variety of teaching methods, Christ Our Life is the only program that is aligned with the Church's mission for a New Evangelization, the NCEA: IFG ACRE assessments, and the Six Tasks of Catechesis.

The religion program focuses on sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion, the Mass, Holy Days, saints, the sacraments, the Ten Commandments, social justice, prayers, Bible studies, stewardship, the Trinity, Mary, and the liturgical year. Students participate in several school Masses, prayer services, and a retreat.



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2nd Grade Enrichment Programs



Music

Singing: simple 5 to 7 note range songs, with leaps of 3rds, 4ths, and 5ths. Continue to learn songs for Mass.

Beat: maintain a steady beat while singing, dancing, or playing rhythm instruments

Pitch recognition: be able to match pitches to melodies of songs

Instruments: review instruments of the orchestra

Theory: begin reading and writing music

Physical Education

Students enhance their understanding of movement within a variety of spaces.

They begin to understand and experience activities utilizing various speeds, forces, manipulatives and levels of movement.

Library

The students hear quality literature each week, correlating with their Science or Social Studies unit where possible.

The following skills are taught: identifying the difference between fiction and nonfiction; selecting and using materials suitable for their level is reinforced; identifying and using nonfiction materials to locate information; organizing and presenting information and ideas by designing a product such as a diorama, model, or short report.

Award-winning books are shared and when appropriate, students may participate in story sharing activities.

Art

The focus of the primary level visual arts program is to develop an awareness of the creative process.

Students will learn the basic techniques of producing art, care and use of art media, and appreciation for artistic expression.

Spanish

Through Sonrisas Spanish, students acquire Spanish with a combination of music, lesson activities, games, authentic children's Spanish literature, art, and drama.

The Sonrisas Spanish curriculum is effective because it is pedagogically sound, and it engages students in a fun, natural, and age-appropriate way.

Students practice language concepts with partner time and portfolio activities.

The end result is that students learn how to communicate effectively with lots of age-appropriate, practical Spanish.

Curriculum Scope

GRADE	RELIGION	MATH	READING	LANGUAGE ARTS	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	HANDWRITING	SPANISH
Kindergarten	Loyola Press 2016 Christ Our Life	Go Math 2016	← SuperKids 2015 →		Science Fusion/ HMH 2016	Self made units to match standards using resources such as: Teachers-pay-Teachers and Pinterest	SuperKids 2015	Sonrisas
1st Grade	Loyola Press 2016 Christ Our Life	Go Math 2016	← SuperKids 2015 →		Science Fusion/ HMH 2016	Self made units to match standards using resources such as: Teachers-pay-Teachers and Pinterest	Zanar Bloser 2012	Sonrisas
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