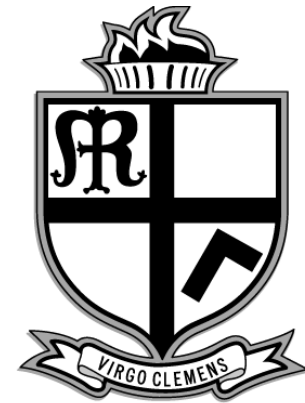


# SECOND GRADE

For more specifics on Second Grade curriculum, you can visit the Diocese of Charlotte website at [www.schools.charlottediocese.org](http://www.schools.charlottediocese.org) or download a PDF at: [http://schools.charlottediocese.org/images/schools/PDF\\_files/curriculum/2nd\\_grade.pdf](http://schools.charlottediocese.org/images/schools/PDF_files/curriculum/2nd_grade.pdf)

You can also get more details about class schedules on our school website at [www.ourladyofmercyschool.org](http://www.ourladyofmercyschool.org) under Teacher Pages link and select Mrs. Stewart's page.



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## Core Curriculum

Second grade is a big year for reading and writing. Students begin reading more fluently which builds comprehension. Students also learn about a story's plot, cause and effect, inferences, context clues, and more.

In writing, we combine writing a story with proper grammar and spelling. While inventive spelling is still used, phonics is a big component. A word wall is used to help aid spelling challenges. We explore different types of writing such as expository writing, a friendly letter, a book report, note taking, a research report, and poetry.

Second grade is the year students transition from print to cursive.

In math, we build our math vocabulary and gain a firm concept of place value. This allows students to add and subtract with and without regrouping (aka. borrowing and carrying). We learn how to round and estimate. Students also have graphing, measuring, and geometric units. Multiplication is introduced as repeated addition but it is not the focus of 2nd grade.

## Catholic Identity

It is an important year for sacraments. In December/January everyone receives his or her First Reconciliation. Then, in April/May, students receive their First Communion. Though each child does their sacramental preparation through their own parish, we discuss the sacraments and have a celebration for the students after their First Communion mass. This is the first year we do not

have buddies which means more independence and accountability for our choices.

With the rest of the school, we start our day with prayer and the daily scripture reading/reflection. We pray the Angelus, as a school, before lunch and then we ask our lunchtime blessing. At the end of the day, we say our good-bye prayer. We go to weekly Mass and monthly adoration.

## Specials

Once a week, second graders have classes in their "special" subjects of Physical Education, Media/Technology, Spanish, Art, and Music.

PE: We work on continuing the basic units of running, jumping, throwing, catching, rolling, rhythmic activity, kicking, fitness, gymnastics, parachute, basketball, striking, and cooperative games.

MEDIA/TECHNOLOGY: We cultivate a learning environment where technology and media are integrated into the curriculum to enhance student learning. Teachers collaborate to provide learning experiences that incorporate access to print and digital resources. Students work on word processing skills such as saving a document, using spell check, copy and paste. We learn to format a document by changing font size and color, create a table and format cells. We also learn to find and replace features, make an envelope in Pages, do a writing project: "My Favorite Winter Day" and learn more about Internet Safety.

SPANISH: In second grade Spanish we learn the parts of the body and face, the vocabulary of rooms in the house, clothing and

food, as well as the vocabulary of animals and the farm and musical instruments. All vocabulary is learned in context of conversation. We continue to learn customs in Hispanic countries.

ART: Students work on basic color theory, basic perspective, design elements and 3-D design. We also learn basic art appreciation.

MUSIC: In addition to learning songs and rhythms, we begin learning about instruments from other countries, how to read musical notes, symbols and directions. We perform in the school-wide Christmas music program and Spring Concert.

## Service

We bake cookies for Hospice, make Thanksgiving baskets, and many other outreach projects coordinated by the Helping Hands of Mercy group, which help the students know that EVERY one is important to God.