



Second Grade

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I was born and raised in Bozeman, Montana and graduated from Montana State University with a Bachelor's degree in Education. I began my career in California, teaching Head Start to underprivileged children for four years. Recently, I completed the Colloquy program through Concordia University, Seward. This experience has enriched my faith life and empowered me to take one step further into understanding God's omnipotent love, power, and grace.

In 1994, my family moved to Wichita where I have been teaching ever since. I've taught first, third, and currently second grade to awesome children at Holy Cross!

My husband, Kevin, and I have two children, Derek and Karissa. They are amazing children who bring such joy to our lives. In my free time I enjoy reading mystery novels, knitting, traveling, and gardening.

SUMMARY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS

In relationship to God

- ◇ The student grows in the grace and knowledge of the Triune God,
- ◇ The student is taught to live a Christian life through the power of the Holy Spirit, and that he/she has the assurance of eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and
- ◇ The student gains knowledge of the Bible and its contents.

In relationship to self, others, and community

- ◇ The student will develop a positive self-image, and
- ◇ The student will develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for living a productive Christian life as a responsible member of his/her church, community, and world.

In relationship to intellectual development

- ◇ The student will develop academic talents and skills to the fullest extent of his/her ability,
- ◇ The student will develop positive attitudes toward learning, and
- ◇ The student shall be exposed to cultural activities, fine arts, and various types of music through classroom study, exhibits, direct participation, and field trips.

Second Grade Curriculum Overview

Biblical Studies

Second graders learn of the events and the lives of many people from both the Old and New Testaments as they grow in their understanding of how God keeps His promise to always be with them. The lives of these people also set important examples of how God wants His children to live. Emphasizing the life of Jesus, the children continue to learn of God's greatest gift – His only Son. Memory work is assigned weekly.
One in Christ, Concordia Publishing House

Language Arts

The Language Arts program, *Wonders*, by McGraw Hill, is designed to provide students with many opportunities to interact in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Reading is taught by building upon and expanding the strong phonetics foundation, skills for decoding, and comprehension developed in first grade. The basal reading text which serves as the core program is enriched with carefully selected literature. The writing process emphasizes appropriate grammar, composition and spelling.

Mathematics

Using a variety of manipulative and hands-on strategies, second graders master the addition and subtraction facts and apply this mastery to computing two and three place numerals requiring re-grouping. Students develop skills in estimating, telling time, measuring, graphing, and computing money, and they expand their understanding of the concepts of fractions and geometry. In the second half of the year multiplication and division are introduced. Problem-solving is emphasized throughout all units of study.

Textbook: *Saxon Math*

Social Studies

Building on the learning of first grade, second graders now view themselves as God's children in a larger family – the neighborhood. As the students investigate the concept of neighborhoods, they learn about the ways and the reasons why people do things the way they do. Just as in a family, students learn that the people in neighborhoods also have Christian responsibilities for the neighborhood and for others in the community. The students' understanding of a neighborhood is expanded to include both the city of Wichita and the State of Kansas.

The process of writing is emphasized throughout the course of study, as well as using maps, tables, and graphs as sources of information.

Textbook: *Living in Communities*, Silver, Burdett and Ginn.

Science

The science program is divided into four science strands: life science, physical science, earth science and the human body. Through hands-on activities and study, students investigate the interaction of living things, light and color, solids, liquids, and gases and what makes people ill.

Textbook: *Science*, Scott Foresman.