



Second Grade

Learning with a
Higher Purpose

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My name is Rebekah Heck. I received my degree in Elementary Education from Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

After graduating, I taught for two years in Oklahoma, gaining valuable experience and growing in my passion for teaching. With the guidance of God, I found my way back to my hometown, where I now have the privilege of continuing my journey as an educator at Holy Cross.

I am committed to creating a supportive and engaging classroom environment that encourages curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning. My goal is to inspire students to reach their full potential academically and personally.

One of my favorite Bible verses is:
“If we are out of our mind, as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.” — 2 Corinthians 5:13

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. *Enduring Faith* by Concordia Publishing House

Language Arts

The language arts program 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 reading text which serves as the core program is enriched with carefully selected literature. The writing process emphasizes appropriate grammar, composition and spelling.

Language Arts Text: *Wonders* by McGraw-Hill

Phonics

Explicit instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, handwriting, writing, and spelling is taught using Evidence-Based Literacy Instruction (EBLI).

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. Problem-solving is emphasized throughout all units of study.

Text: *Tang Math*

Social Studies

Second grade students learn about our country's government, community and state government and our leaders. Second graders use map and globe skills to study the world regions and learn about world resources and our changing environment. Early America, heroes and holidays, world culture, producers and consumers, and barter and trade, are other topics of study in the second grade social studies curriculum.

Text: *Exploring Who We Are* by McGraw Hill

Science

The science program is divided into four science areas: Animal biodiversity, Plant adaptations, Erosion and Earth's surface, and Material Properties. Students explore science through hands-on activities, inquiry, and experimentation.

Text: *Mystery Science* and *Generation Genius*