

Immanuel Lutheran School

“Excelling in Christian Education”



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Second Grade

Immanuel Lutheran School, empowered by the Holy Spirit, leads children to know God as their Heavenly Father through the redeeming love of Jesus Christ, provides them with a quality education, and prepares and nurtures them to serve the church and community in Christian love.

Second Grade Curriculum

The curriculum of Immanuel Lutheran School, at all grade levels, meets or exceeds Missouri State Standards in all areas. Maximum class size is 22 per classroom.

Education occurs daily in all subjects to prepare children to serve God and people throughout their lives. The primary goal of Second Grade is to develop in students a higher level of independence as learners. More emphasis is placed on personal responsibility for remembering to complete work and use time in the classroom wisely.

Families are welcome to visit in classrooms at any time. Before the school year begins, there will be an Open House to visit with the teacher in the classroom to help students become familiar with their learning environment. This is a wonderful opportunity to foster better communication and build caring relationships to begin the school year on a positive note.

Religion

In Voyages, Exploring God's Word, published by *Concordia Publishing House*, students experience the excitement about the great love God has shown them in the sacrifice of His only Son, Jesus, on the cross. The units are:

The Lord is Faithful
Jesus is Coming
Jesus Saves Us

The Lord has a Plan
Jesus Teaches God's Grace
Jesus is the Way

Led by the Lord
Miracle of Jesus
Go Tell about Jesus

Additionally, each student is a member of a “Faith Family.” These are multi-age, student-led groups that meet every other month for devotional activities. On alternating months, Faith Families sit together for chapel.

Memory Work:

Each week students have the opportunity to memorize parts of Luther's Small Catechism, hymn verses, or Bible verses (these are selected to reinforce the learning in each Bible lesson from the text).

Chapel:

Chapel is held weekly. Second Grade students lead a chapel service once a year.

Technology

PCs and SMARTboards are used in the classroom on a regular basis. Students use the school computer lab on a weekly basis to learn about the applications and to reinforce other curriculum areas.

Language Arts

Second Grade builds on beginning language skills acquired in previous early childhood classrooms. The text is the *Scott Foresman's Reading Street* and includes reading, spelling, grammar, and handwriting practice.

The reading series is divided into the following themes: Exploration; Working Together; Creative Ideas; Our Changing World; Responsibility; and Traditions. Activities which complement the themes include:

Making Word Activities
Study Skills Activities

Word Wall Activities
Journal Writing

Daily Oral Language
Poetry Writing

Mathematics

Many hands-on activities are incorporated in daily lessons and manipulatives are often used with games to help students “do,” and understand mathematics.

The *Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley* Curriculum is followed and covers these areas:

Addition and Subtraction

Estimation and Mental Math

Fractions and Geometry

Introduction to Multiplication and Division

Measurement and Probability

Numbers to 1,000

Patterns and Relationships

Place Value to 100 and Money

Problem Solving

Time, Data, and Graphs

Science

The science kits incorporate hands-on learning through use of equipment and small-group activities. Hands-on opportunities help students realize that God created the universe. Students use their observation skills and practice making predictions and coming to logical conclusions. The units of study are: Secrets of Survival; Pebbles, Sand and Salt; Balance and Motion; Nutrition Education; Changes.

Social Studies

The focus of Social Studies is about people and the lives they lead. Children experience learning in Social Studies that is as real, active, and concrete as possible. The included units are:

Map Skills	African American History	Native Americans
Community/Working Together	Holidays and Celebrations	American History

To study Current Events, students work through [Time for Kids](#), a weekly publication with up-to-the-minute world and national news of interest to children. Teachers supplement with books, games, and materials.

Foreign Language

Each week the students participate in Spanish class. Our Spanish teacher visits each classroom weekly. Although the Spanish classes are mostly for enrichment purposes only, these lessons also have a cross-curricular purpose that both provide a foundation as well as build on knowledge in a variety of subject areas.

Music & Chorus

Students attend Music Class once a week which encompasses Music Education and Chorus. Music Education includes music theory and music appreciation. Chorus includes vocal technique and performance. The study of these areas is cumulative and sequential from First Grade. Second Grade sings for worship services approximately four times a year, a Christmas Service program, and a biennial spring musical production.

Second Grade students may also play violin in the Strings program, taking weekly private or semi-private lessons and playing with the Level I or II group.

Art

Teaching the Arts is an essential part of educating a child. Art helps students see the world around them in new ways. The Arts unlock children's creativity and open new pathways to learning. All art activities are taught by the classroom teacher. The emphasis at this grade level is on trying a variety of techniques and media.

Physical Education & Recesses

Students participate in formal Physical Education classes two times a week. Practice in the loco-motor, non-loco-motor, and manipulative skills is provided. Fitness activities are stressed throughout the program. The rhythmic area covers action songs, some folk dances, and free movement to song. Simple relays are introduced at this time along with sport-related skills. Second Grade students are also active with two daily recess periods.

Service Projects

Students participate in school-wide service projects such as food bank in-gatherings, supporting Immanuel's social ministry, and supporting other district and synodical mission projects.

Wellness Program

A student's social and emotional development is nurtured through the counseling program. The counselor visits with students in the classroom for guidance lessons twice a month, conducts small group sessions, and works with individuals by referral.

Second graders engage in a counseling curriculum that includes lessons on cooperation, conflict resolution, and caring for others. The students build on the "I-Care" Rules they learned in first grade and focus on using the "I-Care" Language with each other.

Second Grade Students may also participate in the following:

- Immanuel's Before- and After-care programs
- Cub Scouts or Girl Scouts
- Occasional sporting events