



SECOND GRADE CURRICULUM GUIDE

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN, ST. CHARLES

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.

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.

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**MAXIMUM
CLASS SIZE**

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

Faith Families: 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

Students utilize Chromebooks with a 1:1 device per student ratio in grades 3-8. Students in K-2 enjoy a 1:2 ratio with shared Chromebook carts and iPads in each classroom. Each classroom is also equipped with interactive digital panels. Students learn how to use applications, typing skills, basic coding, and use other platforms to reinforce and enhance other curricular areas taught at Immanuel.



LANGUAGE ARTS

Wonders themes include:

Second Grade builds on beginning language skills acquired in previous early childhood classrooms. The curriculum text is Wonders and includes reading, spelling, grammar, and handwriting practice. Activities which complement the

Making Word Activities	Word Wall Activities	Daily Oral Language
Study Skills Activities	Journal Writing	Poetry Writing



MATHEMATICS

Many hands-on and interactive, web-based activities are incorporated in daily lessons and manipulatives are often used with games to help students "do," and understand mathematics. Everyday Mathematics is a spiral curriculum, which means concepts are introduced, developed and mastered in multiple exposures throughout the year. Concepts taught include: Fact Strategies, Place Value, Time and Money, Addition and Subtraction, Whole Number Operations and Number Stories, Measurement and Data, Geometry, Beginning Multiplication and Division, Fractions



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
Community/Working Together

African American History
Holidays and Celebrations

Native Americans
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

Second grade has Music Class twice a week which encompasses Music Education and Chorus. Music Education includes music exploration, theory, and appreciation. Chorus includes vocal technique and performance. The study of these areas is cumulative and sequential beginning with First Grade. Students sing for worship services approximately 6 times per year, plus a Christmas 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 & RECESS

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