

St. Margaret Catholic School

2nd Grade Curriculum

READING – Wonders – McGraw Hill

Wonders reading series is based on the best practices and the latest research based teaching strategies. The students are exposed to a variety of genres with emphasis placed on phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, and writing. The program provides ample practice and application of those skills using an array of tools and activities suited to all types of learners. A student workbook is provided for reinforcement. Students use text-dependent questions to improve comprehension skills and interpreting the genre piece read. SMCS uses Accelerated Reader and STAR Reading to motivate students to read and monitor their success.

LANGUAGE/WRITING – Voyages in English – Loyola Press

Students explore sentence structure, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, conjunctions, and subject/verb agreement. They practice creative writing, paragraph composition, and letter writing.

SPELLING/SPALDING (Phonics/Handwriting Program)

Spalding is taught in conjunction with our reading program in order to enhance and develop a love of reading, use of a rich vocabulary, and the understanding of the structure of the English language. This program develops a child's reading ability through phonemic awareness, phonics and spelling, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

MATH – Ready Classroom Mathematics – Curriculum Associates

Students increase incrementally in telling time and money skills to double-digit addition and subtraction. Basic facts are mastered for addition and subtraction up to eighteen. Graphing is taught using bar charts and graphs, and problem solving skills are stressed. Critical thinking and problem solving skills are practiced daily.

SCIENCE – Building Blocks of Science 3D - Carolina

- Physical Science
- Life Science
- Earth Science

Students engage in Next Generation Science Standards by investigating, collaborating, and problem solving. The hands on kits allow students to learn and experience science in a meaningful way.

SOCIAL STUDIES – MyWorld

Beginning with our community and country traditions and history, governmental operations and geography are taught. They read and understand simple maps and the Globe. Hands-on projects are completed throughout the year to reinforce knowledge.

RELIGION – Faith and Life Series

The theme entails preparation for the first reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion, with the law of God and Salvation History as background. The lesson emphasizes God's mercy and love, and covers Creation, the Covenant with Moses, the Ten Commandments, Redemption, Forgiveness of Sins, and the Mass.

ENRICHMENTS

- Art
- Library
- Spanish
- Computer
- PE: 3x/week

- Music: Kodály philosophy of music education
 - Complete program of music education that contributes to the emotional, intellectual, aesthetic, and physical development of the child
 - Teaches music literacy through hearing, feeling, and experiencing music through age appropriate folk song material leading children to musical masterpieces.

TECHNOLOGY

Students attend computer instruction twice weekly for 30-minute periods. They learn keyboarding through the Type to Learn program, computer terminology and how the computer works. Up-to-date computers are used in the classroom on a daily basis. Promethean ActivBoard and AV station are a part of daily instruction. There is an elementary computer lab available to students and teachers on an as need basis. The school has mobile computer/Chrome Book/iPad carts available to teachers and students to help with instruction. Students also engage in a variety of online programs and apps, like Moby Max and Renaissance to help support instruction.