

Developmental Benchmarks for Second Grade:

Building on the foundation of learning and practice developed through Grade 1, the goals for the formation of our children in Second Grade include all previous learning plus...

Scripture: *During Grade 2, our children will come to understand Sacred Scripture as God's Word that speaks to them. They will...*

- Know that the Bible is divided into two main sections, i.e., Old & New Testament
- Know how to use the Index to see and find the books in the Bible
- Demonstrate respect for the Bible as God's Holy Word to us
- Be able to retell the following Bible stories:
 - The second Creation Story (Genesis 2:4b – 25)
 - The Story of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:1-13)
 - The Story of Noah and the Flood (Genesis 6:9- 9:17)
 - The Story of God Covenant with Abraham (Genesis 17:1-9)
 - The Story of God Calling Moses (Exodus 3:1-17)
 - The Story of the Exodus (Exodus: 14:1-31)
 - The Story of Moses & the Ten Commandments (Exodus:20:1-17)
- Listen to/Have heard the following Bible Stories:
 - The Greatest Commandment (Mark 12:28-34)
 - The Story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
 - Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18)
 - Jesus feeds a Huge Crowd (John 6:1-15)
 - The Story of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)
 - The Promise of the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-31)
 - The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-13)
 - The Story of the Last Supper (Mt. 26:17-30, Mk. 14:12-26, Lk. 22:7-39 and Jn. 13:1-17:26)
 - We are the Church (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
- Recognize the Ten Commandments and be able to tell how they help us love God and others

Doctrine: *During Grade 2, our children will know and understand these basic teachings of the Catholic faith:*

- Be able to explain how sin is an offense against God & neighbor
- Understand the difference between Original, Venial & Mortal Sin
- Be able to describe how sin hurts us, others and our relationship to God
- Know that the Holy Spirit is the spirit of God and the helper Jesus sent to us
- Know that we remember the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and receive his Body & Blood when we receive Eucharist
- Know that the word "salvation" means to be saved by the love of God
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Sacraments: *During Grade 2, our children will begin to know and appreciate the importance of Sacraments and that Liturgy and Eucharist is central to our Catholic Faith. They will...*

- Know that the Sacraments are signs of God's love for us through which Jesus becomes truly present and helps us in our lives
- Identify that "grace" is the term we use to describe a gift of God's love that enables us to live good Christian lives

- Know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the opportunity to say we are sorry for our sins and receive God's forgiveness
- Attend and participate at Mass regularly and prayerfully be able to fully participate
 - Be encouraged to Sing/Follow along with the songs using the hymnal
 - Bring up the gifts with their family at least once
- Recognize that the Sacrament of Eucharist is an action in which we thankfully receive Jesus and remember His life, death and resurrection
- Know that at the consecration in the Liturgy, the bread and wine are changed into the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ
 - Be able to recognize and prayerfully respond to this moment in the Liturgy

Prayer & Spirituality: *By the end of 2nd Grade, our children will...*

- Be able to recite an Act of Contrition
- Be able to recite an example of spontaneous prayer
- Understand the meaning of The Lord's Prayer
- Be able to share reasons why we pray
- Prepare for and assume different roles in communal prayer (family, Sunday class, the Liturgy)
- Be able to describe how prayer is essential for their relationship with God
- Compose a personal prayer
- Explain the difference between public and private prayer and why both are important
- Express their love of God through prayer and action

Community: *By the end of 2nd Grade, our children will understand that they are part of a larger faith community or family – the parish community of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception AND the larger Catholic Church. They will*

- Recite the two Great commandments: love of God and love of neighbor
- Describe how participation in Mass and prayer unites them as one in the Body of Christ
- Be able to examine the effects of their own behavior in family and group settings
- Be able to discuss and practice ways to stand up for what is right
- Begin to understand how inappropriate behavior interferes with their relationship with God

Service: *By the end of Grade 2, our children will...*

- Be able to discuss ways they can put their love for God into action
- Participate in one or more service projects to help those in need
- Have taken actions that show their love of and respect for God's creation
- Have listened to gospel stories and discussed how love of neighbor was shown
- Be able to identify different service ministries

Catholic Prayers to be able to recite by themselves:

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Grace and;

Act of Contrition: My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Amen