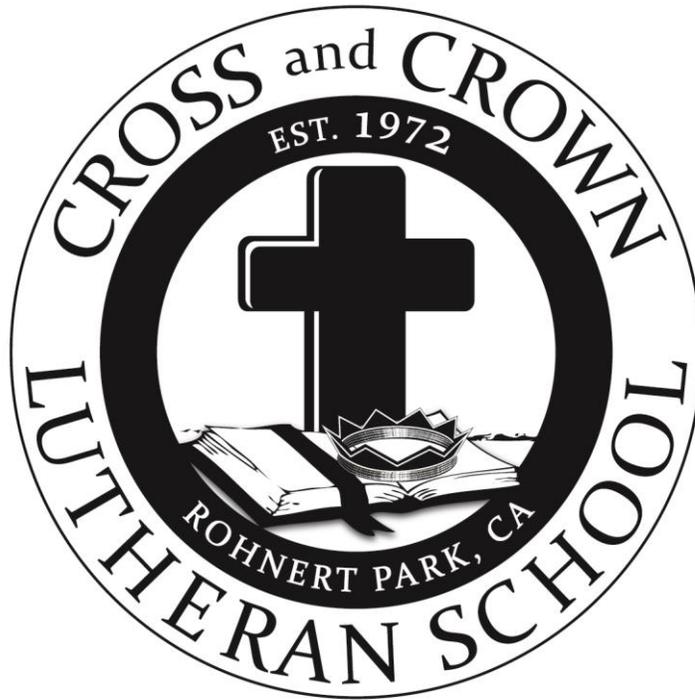


Second Grade Curriculum Overview



Developing Responsible
Christian Citizens

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Mission Statement:

At Cross and Crown Lutheran School we provide a nurturing environment where children can experience the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ through challenging scholastic programs, trusting relationships, prayer, worship, and God's Word. We are a ministry of Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, whose mission is to invite, grow, and serve our community.

Philosophy:

Cross and Crown Lutheran School utilizes a curriculum strong in academics and integrated with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to bring the Word of God into the lives of our students. We focus on the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social areas of growth, developing the skills and knowledge necessary to become capable, caring Christian citizens.

Introduction:

Growing into an upper elementary level can require a lot from a child. Educational benchmarks are only part of the second graders' day at Cross and Crown. A Christ-centered environment allows each student to build knowledge and confidence at their individualized level and build relationships with peers, family, and Christ.

Curriculum Goals:

Educating the whole child can be a challenging task that we face head on. Reaching out to their spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social needs within the curriculum includes all parts of their day.

1. Spiritual: We study God's Word to share his love and faith with peers, friends, family, and our community. We also apply this love and support throughout our day together.
2. Intellectual: With our small class size, we can embrace each child's potential and stretch their capabilities beyond current standards of learning.

3. Physical: We use physical development as an opportunity to build team skills and cooperation that can be used on and off the field.
4. Emotional: Providing an environment of love and support, allows each child to develop the confidence of God's grace and love.
5. Social: We foster, model, and encourage understanding and development of relationships. Using communication and God's examples of love, students embrace each other with love and respect as well.

Bible:

A period of time is set aside each day for Bible instruction. We use *"Walking With God and His People"*, published by Christian Schools International. In addition, each Wednesday, Pastor leads a school-wide Chapel service.

The Biblical standards for second grade are that students will:

- * Understand basic concepts of the Christian faith and apply these doctrines to their daily lives
- * Recount old testament Bible stories: Creation, The Fall, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, David, Daniel, and Jonah
- * Recount new testament Bible stories: Christ's birth, Christ in the temple, John the Baptist, Christ's Baptism, Calling of the Disciples, Christ's ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and Pentecost
- * Recite key Scriptural verses, the 10 Commandments, and Luther's meanings
- * Use daily prayer and worship in the classroom and Chapel in response to God's love

Biblical principles are not confined to one set period of worship and instruction. They are a part of the entire school day. Cross and Crown is a place where every adult and child will feel the hands of God. We encourage sharing the love of Christ through patience and forgiveness

with each other, spreading God's grace by treating others the way we wish to be treated.

Mathematics:

CA Math Expressions, Common Core program, by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, introduces second graders to math concepts ranging from concrete to abstract. Students learn addition and subtraction (up to three digit numbers), money, geometry, fractions, measurement, time, data and graphing, and an introduction to multiplication and division. Children work with the level of mathematical understanding that is appropriate to their needs.

Language Arts:

We use the "*Reading Street Common Core*" program from Pearson publishers for Language Arts. The program has high interest fiction and non-fiction literature to teach reading, phonics, grammar, writing, and skills strategies. We supplement with other phonics and grammar programs as needed for each child. Skills are presented and practiced through a variety of mediums and curriculums through- out the day. Homework is given to review language art topics and spelling skills directed in the class. Our small class sizes allow for daily assessments and assistance.

Computer Lab:

Each student has weekly access to the computer lab for a variety of computer projects and activities. Proper computer skills are taught through the "*Keyboarding Without Tears*" program.

Social Science:

In second grade we look more into the people of our community and history, focusing on the similarities and differences between life now and in the past. Students study basic economic principles and the process of local and national government. Students learn map and globe skills, as well as chart and graph skills.

Science:

Students are introduced to scientific discovery through units about interactions of living things, the motion of objects, light and color, solids, liquids, and gases, and Earth through time.

Music:

Elementary students are offered a weekly formal music lesson. Students develop rhythmic and aural skills using instruments, singing, games, and listening activities designed to develop music appreciation. The students perform in several Cross and Crown Lutheran School and Church programs throughout the year.

Physical Education:

Physical Education at Cross and Crown builds fundamental skills as well as team building opportunities. We offer Physical Education twice a week. Drills, techniques, strategies, games, and cooperation are all part of the Physical Education curriculum.

Art:

Second graders have art instruction at *Scribbles and Giggles Art Studio* each week. The focus of the art program is not only to teach students the elements of art (line, shape form, color, texture, composition, and perspective), but also to foster creativity. Additionally, students learn an appreciation of art through this creative experience regardless of their level of artistic ability.

Spanish:

Spanish for the elementary children includes exposure to the written and spoken language. They develop vocabulary and conversational skills that can be applied to written text and dialogue. They are also introduced to the traditions and customs of the Mexican people such as, "*Dia de Los Muertes*", "*Las Posadas*", and "*Cinco de Mayo*".

Library:

Elementary students have weekly access to our school library where they can bring home a book of their choice. The library's collection contains fiction and non-fiction with all subjects filling each category.

Service Projects:

Bi-monthly service projects are set-up to encourage the children to think of others and spread the love of Christ. Through the years our students have participated in *Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF*, *Operation Christmas Child*, *the Heifer Project*, *Math-A-Thon for St. Jude Children's Hospital*, as well as collecting cans for *N.O.A.H.*, a local food bank, and money to purchase Teddy Bears and school supplies for *Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation of Sonoma County*.

Cultural Experiences:

Field trips and special performances at Christmas and springtime serve as an important extension of our Cultural Arts program. In addition, community groups and individuals are invited on campus for further cultural experiences.

After School Enrichment Programs

Second graders can participate in enrichment programs offered during each trimester.

School Hours:

Before and after school care is available from 7:00 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We operate on a traditional school calendar, August through June.

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