

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade with Mrs. Schnakenberg 2009-2010

We start our day in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at 8:00 a.m. with pledges to the flags, then lunch count and attendance is taken. Then we will have a short devotion, or on Wednesdays, chapel at Trinity. After reviewing the memory verse and catechism, we will continue with the following:

**Religion**– Using the Voyages (CPH), 2nd grade curriculum, we will study God’s word. We have nine 16-page workbooks (units). We will cover approximately one unit each month. We will complete the pages in class. Grades will be determined by participation in class, assignments, and projects completed.

**Memory**– All second grade students will recite the memory verse to me on Fridays (or the last day of a short week) for a grade. I suggest that each child spend ten minutes every evening studying the assigned memory. We will also study the parts of the catechism and a hymn of the month, but no grade will be given for this.

**Mathematics**– Using the Saxon Math program, the children will review skills constantly. Usually three or four new concepts are introduced weekly. Tests are cumulative and will be given after every five lessons, starting with lesson 10. On test days, your child will not have math homework, but expect math homework on all the other days! One side of the worksheet (side A) will be done in class together, side B is to be done at home. All homework should be turned in at the beginning of the next day. Grades in math will be based on test scores and daily work.

**Science**– This year, using our textbooks, Science Discovery Works Concordia Edition, we will study a variety of topics. We will cover concepts in Life, Physical, and Earth Science. We will study plants, animals, classifications, magnets, weather, soil, rocks, water, and recycling.

**Social Studies**– We will study about communities, historical figures, holidays, careers, and other topics dealing with the world around us.

**Spelling**– We will use the Spalding word lists for spelling. Your child will get six new words or sounds daily to put into his spelling book. After the third day, they will get “dictation” daily. Dictation is the word that this series uses for daily tests. Your child’s grade will be based on the first six words of each dictation, and daily assignments. Daily assignments may include: practice writing the new words, putting the words in alphabetical order, using the words in sentences.

English– We will use the “Shurley Method” to study sentences and parts of speech. Most of the English exercises will be done in class with Mrs. Eckhoff.

Reading– We will use textbooks from Houghton-Mifflin and McGraw-Hill, and many other resources to build reading skills. Every child is expected to practice reading every night for at least 15 minutes, either from their “baggy books” or from the reading textbook. Your child will have assignments to be completed in class.

Writing– We will use the Universal Publishing Handwriting books. The second grade students will review manuscript then proceed to writing in cursive.

Physical Education– We will work on developing motor skills with teacher-directed games and activities.

Music– We will do lots of singing this year. We will also spend time on learning rhythms, beats, and notes.

Art– Using a variety of resources, we will learn about artists, and create lots of art with a variety of media.

At 2:50 second grade will be dismissed. The students will be escorted by the teacher outside to wait on the sidewalk for their ride. If your child walks, or rides a bike, they will be dismissed at 3:00.

Other information:

Book orders will be sent home about once a month. If you choose to order books, please make your check payable to **Scholastic**.

Parties– Scheduled parties are Reformation Day, Christmas, and Valentines Day. More information about those will come home later. Your child may bring treats for their birthday; we will eat them at the end of the day.

Papers will be sent home on a daily basis this year. The children will bring them home in their folders. Papers in the left pocket should be “Left Home.” Papers in the right side pocket should be “Brought Right Back” to school on the next day!

I am looking forward to having a great year!

