

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

SECOND GRADE YEAR AT A GLANCE

The mission at St. John's Episcopal School is for each child to grow in maturity, knowledge, and in spirit. Our goal is to foster positive self esteem through engaging learning experiences. St. John's small class size enables faculty to focus on each child and meet his or her individual needs

Language Arts / Reading

- Saxon Phonics focuses on pattern and phonemic rules for spelling
- Decoding multisyllabic words in context and independently
- Write Steps is used to teach capitalization, punctuation, dictionary usage, sentence combining, and grammar concepts
- Read grade-level text with fluency and comprehension, silently and aloud
- Read a variety of text types such as fiction, nonfiction, folktales and poetry
- Learn to read with meaning by building a schema, making meaningful connections, creating mental images, inferring, asking questions, and synthesizing information
- Use elements of the writing process to compose texts using drafts and publishing skills using Write Steps
- Zaner-Bloser Handwriting used to practice manuscript and introduce cursive handwriting

Mathematics

- Envision Math emphasizes addition and subtraction facts, place value, money, time, 3-D and 2-D shapes, whole-number operations and number stories, fractions, measurement, decimals and place value
- Use numbers, operations and quantitative reasoning
- Use patterns, relationships, algebra, geometry and special reasoning
- Concepts supplemented with independent practice using Math 2.0 on Renaissance Learning at home and school

Science

- National Geographic Science Curriculum units and Discovery Education explore all aspects of science including the Human Body, Weather and Seasons, Magnets, Properties of the Earth, Living Things and their Environments, and Rocks and Soil
- Use scientific safe practices for observation, investigation and reasoning
- Use age appropriate tools and models to investigate the natural world
- Understand the physical properties of matter, organisms, environment, earth and space
- Identify the basic needs of plants and animals
- Experiments will be conducted in the classroom weekly

Social Studies

- Social Studies consists of thematic units such as government, holidays, patriotism, goods and services
- Understand the significant of landmarks and celebrations in community, state and nation
- Understand concepts of time and chronology to related to past present and future
- Interpret basic information from maps and globes
- Important People in History-V.I.P. project
- Understand the basic roles of producers and consumers with goods and services

Enrichments

- Art, Music, Spanish, P.E., Technology, Godly Play and Library

Religion

- Attend Chapel three days a week (Tuesday for Praise and Worship, Wednesday for Formal Chapel, Thursday for a Class Lead Chapel)
- The students also learn Bible stories in the classroom to promote Christian character