

# Illinois Lutheran Elementary School Curriculum Overview

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## Grade 2

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## Kindergarten – 6th Grade Curriculum

Our goal at Illinois Lutheran is to educate the whole student academically, spiritually and physically. It is our privilege to currently have over 140 students enrolled in our preschool through 6th grade classes. For nearly a century we have provided Christ-centered education for children of the south Chicago suburbs, serving as an extension of the home and a partner with the church in providing Christian education.

### Elementary Academics

As a Lutheran school, our goal is to proclaim, teach, and apply faithfully the Word of God in all courses of instruction in keeping with the Holy Scriptures. In doing so, we strive to meet or exceed guidelines provided by the State of Illinois and the Wisconsin

### Our Mission

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Illinois Lutheran Schools provides a quality, Christian education to students of the Church and community and the world by nurturing and reaching souls for time and eternity.

### Illinois Lutheran Elementary School

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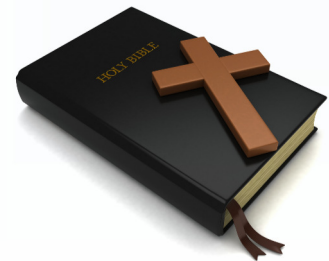
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## Religion/Word of God

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### ChristLight

- Christ-Light studies the major stories of the Bible in chronological order. The study alternates between Old and New Testament stories. Applying the lessons of these stories to the lives of the students is a very important part of this class.
- The study of Christian hymns and memory treasures (selected Bible passages) are also part of this class.



## Reading & Language Arts

In Second Grade we continue to develop reading skills which includes phonics, comprehension, vocabulary strategies and study skills.

We use a variety of fiction and non-fiction stories to teach these skills. Leveled books are used for small group instruction to meet individual needs. Spelling and vocabulary from the reading selections help students increase their vocabulary and reading fluency.



### Phonics

- Grade 2 phonics focuses on beginning and ending sounds, long and short vowels, digraphs, blends, endings, suffixes, vowel pairs, vowel digraphs and contractions.

### English

- Grade 2 English focuses on the six basic parts of speech (noun, verb, adjective, adverb, pronoun, and preposition). Students learn how to identify and use these parts of speech properly.
- Writing activities include personal narratives, a fiction story, writing instructions and writing a description.

## Social Studies

Social Studies allows us to look at the world around us and learn about the people and places that make it up. In Second Grade we focus on:

- Our government.
- Our world and using Earth's resources.
- People long ago.
- Culture and diversity.
- The marketplace.
- Map and globe work.



## Mathematics

### Saxon Math

Saxon Math is used throughout Illinois Lutheran Elementary School. Highlights of the Grade 2 curriculum include:

- Mastering basic addition and subtraction facts.
- Adding and subtracting two and three digit numbers with regrouping.
- Graphing.
- Telling time and calculating changes in time and calendar work.
- Place value.
- Skip counting.
- Problem solving strategies .
- An introduction to multiplication and division skills.



## Science and Health

Grade 2 science focuses on life science and earth science. Highlights include:

- The study of plants, animals, and habitats.
- Weather.
- Planets.
- Matter and energy.



## Fine Arts

### Music

- In music, the Grade 2 students have the opportunity to experience personal musical performance and the introduction of basic musicianship skills.

### Art

- Grade 2 students explore a variety of mediums as they study line, shape, and color, creating various projects.



## Technology

Our Second Grade students have access to Chromebooks. With them we learn:

- Different parts of the computer and proper computer lab protocol.
- New command keys on the computer keyboard and understand their uses.
- To expand an understanding of productivity software.
- To investigate the internet using teacher-selected websites
- How to use basic graphic editing software.

## Physical Education

The physical education class for Grade 2 concentrates on movement, coordination, spatial awareness, teamwork and sportsmanship through many different activities and games.