# All Saints' Episcopal Day School

# **Second Grade Program Overview**



### Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Day School

At All Saints', we provide a nurturing, faith-based education where academic growth, spiritual development, and character are equally valued. Rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition through the Anglican faith, our mission is to help each child reach their highest potential while fostering compassion, service, and a love for learning. From our youngest learners in 2K through 6th grade, we create a supportive and inclusive community where children grow in knowledge, faith, and friendship.

### **Curriculum Snapshot**

Our 2nd Grade curriculum blends engaging, research-based programs to build strong foundational skills across all core areas:

- Reading & English Language Arts (McGraw Hill- Open Court)
  - A comprehensive curriculum that expands fluency and comprehension with rich texts, strengthens vocabulary and grammar, and introduces structured writing in narrative, informative, and opinion forms.
- Math (Sadlier-Progress in Mathematics)
  - Place value to 1,000, multi-digit addition and subtraction with regrouping, early multiplication and division concepts, and real-world applications in time, money, measurement, geometry, and data.
- Science (Scott Foresman)
  - A rich, inquiry-based science curriculum covering topics such as weather, properties of solids and liquids, push and pull and animals—designed to spark curiosity and hands-on learning.
- Social Studies (Studies Weekly)
  - Interactive, story-based social studies instruction that brings communities, history, and civic themes to life in engaging, elementary-friendly formats.
- Handwriting (Zaner-Bloser)
  - Time-tested handwriting instruction, teaching efficiency, legibility, and automaticity, while combining hands-on learning materials with robust digital support

#### The Life of a Second Grader

Life in 2nd Grade at All Saints' is filled with growth, discovery, and special traditions. Each day begins with a **Morning Meeting** to foster community, followed by **Chapel twice a week** and a **Friday Spirit Assembly**, which celebrates the school community together.

The school day is centered on **core subjects**, including reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. Each lesson begins with whole-group instruction and is followed by guided and independent practice, which may take the form of small-group work or individual activities.

Students enjoy a well-rounded education through special area classes each week, including **Art, Library, Music, STEM, Technology, PE, and Spanish**. They also participate in the **Accelerated Reader (AR) program**, encouraging independent reading and goal setting.

To track progress, students complete formal reading, math, and writing **assessments** three times a year, along with CogAT and lowa standardized testing each spring. Every student uses a **Chromebook** to support digital literacy and classroom learning.

A highlight of the year is "Scientist of the Week", where students proudly conduct a science experiment of their choice in front of the class, building confidence and presentation skills.

### **Special Traditions & Events**

Students joyfully participate in school-wide traditions while beginning to explore grade-level events that build community, confidence, and lasting memories.

- Trip to Moore Botanical Gardens
- Halloween Parade
- Trip to Edventrue
- Holiday Program
- 100th Day of School Celebration
- Grandparents' and Special Friends Day

- Blessing of the Animals
- Valentines Day
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Trip to FMU Planetarium
- Metric Olympics

Each grade level participates in a Community Service Project: Operation Christmas Child

## **Communication Pathways**

We value strong partnerships with families and keep you connected to your child's learning journey throughout the year:

- Daily: Homework folder
- Weekly: Classroom newsletter with updates and upcoming events
- Progress Reporting: Fall and spring conferences, quarterly interim reports, and report cards
- School-Wide: Saintly Scoop (Wednesdays) and All Saints' Look Ahead (Fridays)

# **Next Steps: How to Join Our All Saints' Community**

- Admissions: Applicants for 4K and above must undergo an admissions assessment.
- Schedule a Visit: We invite you to tour our campus and experience the All Saints' community firsthand. Call our Admissions Office at 843-662-8134 to schedule a visit.
- Learn More Online: Visit us at aseds.com for additional details and resources.

We look forward to welcoming your family into the All Saints' community, where learning, faith, and friendships grow together.