Archdiocese of Newark Catholic Schools



Curriculum Mapping

Curriculum mapping is a process that helps schools and districts/ dioceses determine the "agreed-upon" learning for all students. Curriculum mapping was undertaken in the Archdiocese of Newark in order to ensure that a consistent, clearly articulated curriculum infused with Gospel values is being provided to all students in our schools. The curriculum maps for the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Newark identify the content to be taught and skills to be mastered at each grade level.

The Archdiocesan curriculum maps are developed through a collaborative process which involves individual teacher contributions, small group sessions and larger group meetings. Relevant educational standards including those proposed by content area experts, the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, and the Common Core State Standards are used as a resource in the curriculum mapping process. The resulting consensus maps reflect the collective thinking of classroom teachers based on their observation of student learning and their knowledge of educational practice and research. The Archdiocesan curriculum maps include teacher generated ideas for the infusion of Gospel values and faith connection activities.

While the curriculum maps clearly articulate the expected learning for all students, individual teachers have the flexibility to teach the content and skills in their own manner by:

- utilizing their own particular strengths and teaching style
- addressing the varying learning needs of their students
- determining the order in which the content and skills are presented within a marking period
- including additional content and skills once students have met the learning expectations identified in the curriculum map

Administrators at all levels will maintain the responsibility to ensure that teachers are following the curriculum maps and that appropriate teaching is being conducted. This will be done through a combination of classroom observations, faculty meetings, professional development opportunities and teacher evaluations, as well as by using various measurement tools, including formative and summative assessments. The Archdiocesan curriculum maps will help ensure the academic excellence that is integral to the mission of our Catholic schools and will provide educators and parents with a clear understanding of the learning expectations at each grade level.

English Language Arts

Each of the curriculum maps for English Language Arts in kindergarten through 8th grade is divided into the five strands that compose the English Language Arts curriculum-Reading, Writing, Language, Speaking & Listening, and Handwriting. Although the curriculum maps are arranged by strands for organizational purposes, instruction in English Language Arts utilizes an approach that integrates the various strands. Content is repeated across grade levels, reflecting the spiraling nature of the English Language Arts curriculum. Spiraling allows students to deepen and expand their understanding of key content as required skills become increasingly sophisticated and complex.

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Standards	Content	Skills	Assessment	Gospel Values & Faith Connections
 RF.2.3 All students will know and apply gradelevel phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. a) Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled onesyllable words. b) Know spelling-sound correspondences for additional common vowel teams. c) Decode regularly spelled twosyllable words with long vowels. d) Decode words with common prefixes and suffixes. e) Identify words with inconsistent but common spelling-sound correspondences. f) Recognize and read gradeappropriate irregularly spelled words. L.2.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 2 reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies. a) Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase. b) Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is added to a known word (e.g., happy/unhappy, tell/retell). c) Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., addition, 	Phonics/Word Analysis Skills RF.2.3, L.2.4, RF.2.4	Phonics/Word Analysis Skills Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills to decode and determine the meaning of words. short/long vowels base words contractions homophones synonyms, antonyms digraphs compound words beginning, middle, and ending sounds silent letters diphthongs prefixes suffixes multiple meaning words rhyming sounds r-controlled vowels syllables vowel teams/vowel pairs consonant blends	Student learning will be assessed on a continual basis using various types of formal and informal assessments. A list of possible assessment methods is provided below. Tests Quizzes Book Reports Oral Reading Graphic Organizers Essays Journals Portfolios Group Discussions Group Projects Individual Projects Exit Slips Reading Logs Fluency Assessments Student Conferences Role playing/skits Homework Multimedia presentations	Gospel values should be evident in the classroom environment and referenced and reinforced throughout the curriculum. Gospel Values Community Compassion Faith in God Forgiveness Hope Justice Love Peace Respect for Life Service Simplicity Truth Teachers will highlight Gospel values and other elements of Catholic identity as they develop instructional units within the English Language Arts curriculum.

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 additional). d) Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words (e.g., birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly; bookshelf, notebook, bookmark). e) Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases. 	Sight Words RF.2.3, RF.2.4, L.2.4	 word families hard and soft sounds y as a vowel spelling rules Sight Words Read and write sight words. 		Read, discuss, and illustrate Bible stories. Learn faith related vocabulary. Read and discuss stories with themes such as: • Family and
 RF.2.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. a) Read on-level text with purpose and understanding. b) Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. c) Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, re-reading as necessary. 	Reading Fluency RF.2.4	 Reading Fluency Utilize pair and share, audio texts, close reading, choral reading, echo reading, independent, silent, and leveled reading to increase fluency. Demonstrate fluency in read-alouds. 		Friendship Service Towards Others Acceptance of Differences Making Good Choices Making Sacrifices Discuss a character's actions and choices in light of Gospel values.
RL.2.1/RI.2.1 Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.	Comprehension RL.2.1, RI.2.1	 Comprehension Recall key details and information from text. Utilize various strategies to selfmonitor comprehension while reading. 		Apply reading strategies to biblical passages and stories about Catholic role models. Read stories about seasons of the Church year.

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RL.2.2 Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral. RI.2.2 Identify the main topic of a multi-	Main Idea RL.2.1, RI.2.1, RL.2.2, RI.2.2 Supporting Details RL.2.1, RI.2.1	 Main Idea Identify the main idea of a story or informational text. Supporting Details Identify details to 		Practice reading Mass responses.
paragraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.		support the main idea.		
RF.2.4c Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.	Sequencing RL.2.1	SequencingRetell a story in order of events.		
L.2.4.a Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase. RI.2.4	Context Clues RF.2.4c, L.2.4a, RI.2.4	 Context Clues Use context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words. 		
Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a Grade 2 topic or subject area.	Inferences	InferencesUse clues within the text and prior knowledge to make inferences.		
	Drawing Conclusions	Drawing ConclusionsGather information to draw conclusions.		

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RL.2.9 Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story by different authors or from different cultures.	Making Predictions	Making Predictions • Utilize story clues and prior knowledge to make predictions.		
RL.2.3 Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges. RI.2.3 Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text.	Compare and Contrast RL.2.9	 Compare and Contrast Describe similarities and differences between characters, setting, etc. within a single story. Describe similarities 		
RI.2.8 Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text.		and differences between different versions of the same story.		
RL.2.5 Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.	Cause and Effect RL.2.3, RI.2.3, RI.2.8	Cause and Effect • Recognize and explain cause and effect relationships.		
RL.2.6 Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.	Story Elements RL.2.3, RL.2.5, RL.2.6, RL.2.7	Story Elements • Identify elements of a story: character, setting, plot, main		
RL.2.7 Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.		idea, problem and solution.		

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	Theme	Theme		
	RL.2.2	Identify and state the		
RI.2.6		theme of a story.		
Identify the main purpose of a text,				
including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.	Plot	Plot		
answer, explain, or describe.	RL.2.5, RL.2.7	• Identify the problem		
RL.2.2		and state the solution.		
Recount stories, including fables and		 Identify beginning, 		
folktales from diverse cultures, and		middle, and end of a		
determine their central message, lesson, or moral.		story.		
		Author's Purpose		
RL.2.10	Author's Purpose	• Identify author's		
By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories	RI.2.6	purpose (P=persuade,		
and poetry, in the grades 2–3 text		I=inform,		
complexity band proficiently, with		E=entertain).		
scaffolding as needed at the high end of				
the range.	Summarizing	Summarizing		
RL.2.4	RL.2.2	Recall critical story		
Describe how words and phrases (e.g.,		elements (oral and		
regular beats, alliteration, rhymes,		written).		
repeated lines) supply rhythm and	Genre	Genre		
meaning in a story, poem, or song.	RL.2.2, RL.2.10, RI. 2.10	Differentiate among		
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RI.2.10 By the end of year, read and comprehend		stories.		
informational texts, including				
history/social studies, science, and				
technical texts, in the grades 2–3 text	Fiction and Non-Fiction	Fiction and Non-fiction		
complexity band proficiently, with	RL.210, RI.2.10, RL.2.4,	Determine the		
scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.	RI.2.5, RI.2.7	differences between		

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RI.2.5 Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. RI.2.7 Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text.		fiction and non- fiction. Read and comprehend informational text across the curriculum (For example: biographies, autobiographies, magazines) Poetry: Describe how words and phrases supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song (For example: acrostic, haiku, limericks, shape poems). Define and recognize elements of a non- fiction story (autobiography, biography).		
	Fantasy and Reality	Fantasy and RealityDistinguish between fantasy and reality.		
	Fact and Opinion	Fact and Opinion • Explain the difference between fact and opinion.		

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		Identify statements as fact or opinion.		
RL.2.3 Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges	Character Analysis RL.2.3, RL.2.7	 Character Analysis Identify character traits based on how characters respond to 		
RL.2.7 Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or		major events and challenges.		
digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot. RL.2.6 Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.	Point of View RL.2.6	 Point of View Identify the narrator of a story book. Identify the point of view as first person, third person, and omniscient. 		
RL.2.9 Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story by different	Author/ Illustrator/ Narrator	Author/Illustrator/ Narrator • Differentiate between the author, illustrator, and narrator of a book or story.		
RI.2.9 Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic.	Making Connections RL.2.9, RI.2.9	Making Connections • Describe the text-to-text, text-to-self, and text-to-world connections.		

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RL.2.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry, in the grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.	Independent Reading RL.2.10, RI.2.10	 Independent Reading Engage in independent reading at school and at home. Demonstrate comprehension of text read 		
RI.2.10 By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.	Purpose for Reading	 Purpose For Reading Identify purpose for reading (i.e., instructional, recreational). 		

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L.2.1f Produce, expand, and rearrange complete simple and compound sentences. L.2.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.	Sentences L.2.1f, L.2.3	 Sentences Distinguish between complete and incomplete sentences. Recognize and write statements. Recognize and write questions. Recognize and write 	Student learning will be assessed on a continual basis using various types of formal and informal assessments. A list of possible assessment methods is provided below. Tests	Gospel values should be evident in the classroom environment and referenced and reinforced throughout the curriculum. Gospel Values Community
 L.2.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. a) Capitalize holidays, product names, and geographic names. b) Use commas in greetings and closings of letters. c) Use an apostrophe to form contractions and frequently occurring possessives. d) Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (e.g., cage → badge; boy → boil). e) Consult reference materials, 	Subjects and Predicates L.2.1f, L.2.3	commands. Recognize and write exclamations. Recognize and write compound sentences. Subjects and Predicates Identify the subject of a sentence. Identify the predicate of a sentence. Combine subject and predicate to form a sentence.	Quizzes Reports Written Assignments Oral Communication Oral Presentations Group Projects Individual Projects Journals Portfolios Worksheets Group Discussions Speeches	Compassion Faith in God Forgiveness Hope Justice Love Peace Respect for Life Service Simplicity Truth
including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings.	Punctuation L.2.2	 Punctuation Identify and use correct end punctuation. Use commas correctly. Use apostrophes correctly. 	Homework Multimedia Presentations	Teachers will highlight Gospel values and other elements of Catholic identity as they develop instructional units within the English Language Arts curriculum.

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		Use quotation marks correctly.		Include faith terms in vocabulary development.
L.2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. a) Use collective nouns (e.g., group). b) Form and use frequently occurring irregular plural nouns (e.g., feet, children, teeth, mice, fish). c) Use reflexive pronouns (e.g., myself,	Capitalization L.2.2	Capitalization • Employ capitalization at the beginning of sentences. • Use capital letters with proper nouns (dates, months, days, holidays, etc.)		Incorporate Gospel values and faith related words in sentences and spelling practice. Use names of faith figures and places when learning about proper
 ourselves). d) Form and use the past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs (e.g., sat, hid, told). e) Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified. f) Produce, expand, and rearrange 		 Use proper capitalization within titles (book titles, people's titles). Capitalize the pronoun <i>I</i>. 		nouns and capitalization.
complete simple and compound sentences (e.g., The boy watched the movie; The little boy watched the movie; The action movie was watched by the little boy).	Nouns L.2.1, L.2.3	 Nouns Recognize common nouns. Sort nouns (person, place, thing, idea/feeling). 		
L.2.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.		 Differentiate and write singular and plural nouns. Distinguish between common and proper nouns. 		

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L.2.1e Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.		use helping verbs. • Recognize and use present progressive verbs.		
L.2.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening. L.2.6 Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe (e.g., When other kids are happy that makes	Adjectives L.2.1e, L.2.3, L.2.6	 Adjectives Identify and write adjectives. Apply proper use of articles a, and an. Identify and use comparative adjectives. Identify and use superlative adjectives. 		
те һарру).	Adverbs L.2.1e, L.2.3, L.2.6	Adverbs • Recognize and write adverbs that tell how, where, and when.		
	Pronouns L.2.1, L.2.3	 Pronouns Identify pronouns. Maintain agreement between noun and pronoun. Use the pronouns <i>I</i> and <i>me</i> correctly. Use the pronouns <i>we</i> and <i>us</i> correctly. 		

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		• Identify, write, and use possessive pronouns.		
L.2.5 Demonstrate understanding of word	Conjunctions L.2.1f, L.2.3	Conjunctions Recognize conjunctions in a sentence. Use conjunctions (and, but, or) to combine two sentences.		
Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings. RI.2.4 Determine the meaning of words and	Synonyms and Antonyms L.2.5	Synonyms and Antonyms • Distinguish between synonyms and antonyms. • Recognize and use synonyms and		
phrases in a text relevant to a Grade 2 topic or subject area.		antonyms correctly. Multiple Meaning		
 L.2.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grade 2 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies. a) Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase. b) Determine the meaning of the new 	Multiple Meaning Words RI.2.4, L.2.4, L.2.5,	 Words Recognize words that have multiple meanings. (Examples: bat, fair, left, sink) Identify various meanings for words with multiple 		

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word formed when a known prefix is added to a known word (e.g., happy/unhappy, tell/retell). c) Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., addition, additional).		meanings. • Determine the meaning of a multiple meaning word based on how it is used in a sentence.		
 d) Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words (e.g., birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly; bookshelf, notebook, bookmark). e) Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases. L.2.5 Demonstrate understanding of word 	Homophones RI.2.4, L.2.5	Homophones • Recognize homophones as words that sound the same but have different meanings and spellings (Examples: sale/sail, ate/eight, write/right).		
relationships and nuances in word meanings.	Figurative Language L.2.4, L.2.5, RL.2.4, RI.2.4	Figurative Language • Recognize examples		
RL.2.4 Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.		of several types of figurative language. (For example: similes, metaphors, imagery, alliteration, personification,		
RI.2.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a Grade 2 topic or subject area.		 onomatopoeia, idioms, hyperbole). Distinguish between literal meaning and figurative meaning. 		

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L.2.4d Use knowledge of the meaning of	Compound Words L.2.4d	Compound Words		
individual words to predict the meaning	L.2.40	 Recognize compound words. 		
of compound words (e.g., birdhouse,				
lighthouse, housefly; bookshelf,		Identify the words used to form a		
notebook, bookmark).		compound word.		
L.2.2		Combine two words		
Demonstrate command of the		to make a new word.		
conventions of standard English		• Use knowledge of the		
capitalization, punctuation, and spelling		meaning of		
when writing.		individual words to		
a) Capitalize holidays, product names, and geographic names.		predict the meaning		
b) Use commas in greetings and		of compound words.		
closings of letters.				
c) Use an apostrophe to form	Contractions	Contractions		
contractions and frequently occurring	L.2.2, L.2.4	ContractionsCombine words to		
possessives.		form contractions.		
d) Generalize learned spelling patterns		Identify the two		
when writing words (e.g., $cage \rightarrow badge$; $boy \rightarrow boil$).		words used to form		
e) Consult reference materials,		the contraction.		
including beginning dictionaries, as		the contraction.		
needed to check and correct spellings				
	Abbreviations	Abbreviations		
	L.2.2	 Identify, recognize, 		
		and write		
		abbreviations.		
	Spelling			
	Spelling L.2.2	Spelling		
	2.2.2	• Spell grade-		
		appropriate words		

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L.2.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grade 2 reading and content</i> , choosing flexibly from an array of strategies. a) Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.		correctly, consulting references as needed. • Apply knowledge of spelling patterns and letter-sound association to determine the correct spelling of words.		
 b) Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is added to a known word. c) Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., addition, additional). d) Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words. e) Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases. 	Vocabulary Acquisition L.2.4	 Vocabulary Acquisition Recognize and use root words (base words) to determine the meaning of a new word. Decode and define words using knowledge of prefixes and suffixes. Identify multiple meanings of words. Use context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words. Use reference materials (dictionaries, thesauruses) to determine the 		

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LANGUAGE				
Standards	Content	Skills	Assessment	Gospel Values & Faith
				Connections
		meaning and correct		
		pronunciation of		
		unfamiliar words.		
		Construct sentences		
		using acquired		
		vocabulary.		

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L.2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. L.2.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. L.2.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening. W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing. W.2.6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.	The Writing Process L.2.1, L.2.2, L.2.3, W.2.5, W.2.6	The Writing Process Pre-Writing Generate ideas through brainstorming. Utilize graphic tools to organize thoughts and concepts. Collect group ideas. Drafting Create a rough draft. Apply paragraph skills (indentation, topic sentence, details, conclusion). Use linking verbs. Use temporal/time order words. Use transition words. Revising Check for grammar and sentence fluency. Make appropriate revisions. Proofreading/Editing Identify and correct errors in spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.	Student learning will be assessed on a continual basis using various types of formal and informal assessments. A list of possible assessment methods is provided below. Tests Quizzes Writing Assignments Conferencing Essays Reports Group Projects Individual Projects Journals Portfolios Rubrics Peer Reviews Speeches Plays and Skits Homework Multimedia Presentations	Gospel values should be evident in the classroom environment and referenced and reinforced throughout the curriculum. Gospel Values Community Compassion Faith in God Forgiveness Hope Justice Love Peace Respect for Life Service Simplicity Truth Teachers will highlight Gospel values and other elements of Catholic identity as they develop instructional units within the English Language Arts curriculum.

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W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section. W.2.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section. W.2.3 Write narratives in which they recount a well- elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure. W.2.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.	Types of Writing W.2.1,W2.2,W.2.3, W.2.8	Publishing Produce the final draft. Present work to class. Types of Writing Produce various types of writing: Personal Narrative Descriptive Writing How-To-Essay Friendly Letter Persuasive Writing Poetry Comparative Essay News Story Create a fictional dialogue/conversation. Create expository writing. Gather and use facts to write a research report. Write a book report.		Write prayers individually and in groups. Prepare brief reports about saints. Write letters to members of the parish community expressing gratitude and/or support. Compose poems about God's creation.

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W.2.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations).	Collaborative Writing W.2.7	 Collaborative Writing Collaborate with peers to write class stories and poems. Produce a report or project based on shared research and writing. 		
W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing. W.2.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. L.2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. L.2.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	Daily Writing Skills W.2.5, W.2.8, L.2.1, L.2.2, L.2.3	Daily Writing Skills Story Starters Express and develop a writing piece based on a story starter. Answering Questions Utilize question words and details to answer questions in complete sentences. Re-stating the Question Analyze the main parts of the question in order to answer the question logically. Picture Prompts View and analyze illustrations to construct a writing sample.		

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L.2.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.		 Journal Writing Express thoughts and ideas through daily, cross curricular writing. Problem Solving Produce a clear explanation of the process used to solve a problem. 		

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RF.2.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. a) Read on-level text with purpose and understanding. b) Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. c) Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, re-reading as necessary. SL.2.4 Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate foots and relevant.	Fluency RF.2.4a-c	 Fluency Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. Use context to confirm word recognition and understanding. Self-correct word pronunciation, rereading as necessary. 	Student learning will be assessed on a continual basis using various types of formal and informal assessments. A list of possible assessment methods is provided below. Tests Quizzes Oral Presentations Response to oral presentations	Gospel values should be evident in the classroom environment and referenced and reinforced throughout the curriculum. Gospel Values Community Compassion Faith in God Forgiveness Hope Justice
appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences. SL.2.6 Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification.	Telling or Recounting a Story SL.2.4, SL.2.6	Telling or Recounting a Story Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details.	Summary of oral presentations Journals Group Discussions Speeches Debates	Love Peace Respect for Life Service Simplicity Truth
SL.2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. a) Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others	Group Discussion SL.2.1, SL.2.3	 Speak audibly in coherent sentences. Group Discussion Participate in collaborative conversations about topics and texts. 	Plays and Skits MultimediaPpresentatio ns Group Projects Individual Projects	Teachers will highlight Gospel values and other elements of Catholic identity as they develop instructional units within the English Language Arts curriculum.

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with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion). b) Build on others' talk in conversations by linking their comments to the remarks of others. c) Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed about the topics and texts under discussion. SL.2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue. SL.2.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. SL.2.4 Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences. SL.2.6 Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification	Oral Presentations SL.2.2, SL.2.4, SL.2.6	 Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions. Express thoughts and ideas in a clear and organized manner. Listen attentively. Build on the remarks made by others. Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed about the topics and texts under discussion. Respond to questions or requests for clarification. Oral Presentations Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. Include an opening and closing. Sequence ideas. Present all information accurately. 		Memorize and recite prayers. Practice Mass responses. Listen to Bible stories read aloud and re-tell the story in one's own words.

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RF.2.4a Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. SL.2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. a) Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion). b) Build on others' talk in conversations by linking their comments to the remarks of others. c) Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed about the topics and texts under discussion.	Choral Reading RF.2.4a Active Listening SL.2.1, SL.2.3	 Elaborate ideas thoroughly and stay on topic. Demonstrate excellent use of time. Demonstrate fluency, appropriate tone and volume, clear articulation, expressiveness and inflection. Project voice. Choral Reading Articulate and express tone as a group. Active Listening Listen to a speaker in an engaged and focused manner. Respond to stories or information read aloud. 		
SL.2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue.	Asking and Answering Questions SL.2.1, SL.2.3	Asking and Answering Questions • Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says.		

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Purpose of Listening	Purpose of Listening		
	Identify various		
	purposes for		
	listening:		
	o Assess		
	understanding of		
	content		
	Listen for		
	enjoyment		
	 Expand vocabulary 		
	 Follow directions 		
	 Gather information 		
	and answer		
	questions		
	 Solve problems 		
	 Participate in 		
	group discussion.		
	Purpose of Listening	 Identify various purposes for listening: Assess understanding of content Listen for enjoyment Expand vocabulary Follow directions Gather information and answer questions Solve problems 	 Identify various purposes for listening: Assess understanding of content Listen for enjoyment Expand vocabulary Follow directions Gather information and answer questions Solve problems Participate in

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WLP.2.1 Form all uppercase and lowercase letters legibly in manuscript, with no rotations or reversals. a) Consistently maintain proper proportion of ascenders, descenders, and letter parts. b) Self-assess manuscript legibility against models. c) Print sentences that begin with uppercase letters and that include end and internal punctuation. WLP.2.6 Print uppercase and lowercase letters and numerals with speed and fluency appropriate for grade 2 WLP.2.2 Use grade-level appropriate paper to produce printed letters, words, and sentences with proper proportion, size, and spacing. a) Print manuscript letters with proper spacing relative to top, bottom, and midlines. b) Print words and sentences using correct spacing between letters, words, and sentences. c) Print paragraphs using correct indentation and appropriate margins.	Technique WLP.2.1 Neatness/Legibility WLP.2.1, WLP.2.2, WLP.2.6 Spacing WLP.2.2	Letter Formation Form manuscript letters correctly. Practice and develop the formation of upper and lowercase letters. Model directional formation of letters. Technique Demonstrate proper writing techniques. Maintain correct body posture. Use correct pencil grip. Use correct paper position. Neatness/ Legibility Print legible words, sentences, and paragraphs. Copy and write the given text. Spacing Print words and sentences using	Student learning will be assessed on a continual basis using various types of formal and informal assessments. A list of possible assessment methods is provided below. Daily written work Writing Samples Timed writing tasks Worksheets	Connections Gospel values should be evident in the classroom environment and referenced and reinforced throughout the curriculum. Gospel Values Community Compassion Faith in God Forgiveness Hope Justice Love Peace Respect for Life Service Simplicity Truth Teachers will highlight Gospel values and other elements of Catholic identity as they develop instructional units within the English Language Arts curriculum.
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WLP.2.8 Produce written text, including multiple sentences organized into paragraphs. WLP.2.6 Print uppercase and lowercase letters and	Size and Shape WLP.2.2, WLP.2.8	between letters, words and sentences. Size And Shape • Print letters with proper spacing relative to top, bottom and midlines. • Print paragraphs using correct indentation and appropriate margins.		Use faith-related vocabulary in handwriting practice.
numerals with speed and fluency appropriate for grade 2 WLP.2.3	Numerals WLP.2.6	Numerals • Write numerals correctly.		
Understand that cursive writing is different from manuscript. a) Begin to understand the difference between manuscript and cursive writing by matching manuscript letters to their cursive counterparts and identifying where joinings occur.	Cursive Writing WLP.2.3	 Cursive Writing Recognize and form upper/lowercase letters in cursive. Match manuscript letters to their cursive form. Maintain proper slant when forming cursive letters. Practice joining cursive letters into words. 		