

## Primary Grades Benchmarks GRADES 1-2

### *Reading & Language Arts*

- Strengthen comprehension skills using strategies, such as, retelling, summarizing, inferences, and background knowledge
- Use predicting, clarifying, questioning, and summarizing skills
- Use context clues and phonics to comprehend newly acquired vocabulary

### *Mathematics*

- Add and subtract three digit numbers
- Understand concepts of length, weight, and volume using standard and metric systems
- Tell time in various increments
- Begin to explore concepts of multiplication and division

### *Science*

- Set-up and conduct experiments
- Analyze results of experiments
- Explore earth, life, physical, and space sciences

### *Social Studies*

- Name and locate major geographic landforms of the globe
- Develop social skills, such as, self-control, decision-making, citizenship, and empathy
- Understand basic structure of government and how laws are made

### *Religion*

- Explore the gifts that God gives to each person
- Plan prayer services and celebrate with the school community

### *Religion (continued)*

- Identify and celebrate Catholic holy days and seasons
- Explore different forms of prayer as a class community

### *Art*

- Make art that reflects an understanding of self and the world
- Make art using a variety of methods, including: drawing, painting, sculpture, collage and printmaking

### *Music*

- Produces rhythm, pattern, beat and melody
- Develops basic understanding of staff and music notes
- Explore music across different cultures

### *Technology*

- Develop touch-keyboarding techniques
- Demonstrate proper care and use of equipment
- Create charts and visuals

### *Physical Education*

- Emphasize teamwork, sportsmanship and basic strategies
- Improve motor skills and hand/eye coordination

### *Foreign Language—Spanish*

- Build basic vocabulary and practice in written and oral communication
- Hold short conversations in Spanish
- Learn about the culture and traditions of Spanish speaking countries