



# OMPH School Scene

## A Glimpse at Second Grade

At OMPH School, we follow the mission of Christ – to learn our faith, live our faith, and prepare for the future. Second grade is unique for each of us as we embark on an amazing journey with Jesus. The children prepare to meet Jesus in the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. This is a wonderful time of growth in knowledge and participation in our faith. Students learn about the history of these sacraments and their importance in our day-to-day lives. In preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation we learn that Jesus' command to love continues throughout our lifetime! It will be a series of successes and failures. One of the great joys of life is that when we fail to love, we can always trust in God's mercy and forgiveness.

As we begin our studies for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, the students gain a deeper understanding of exactly what takes place during Mass, and what each part of the Mass means. Every year it is my privilege to prepare the second graders for First Holy Communion. My faith is strengthened to see such innocent wonder and awe in their love for Jesus.

We have a special spiritual bond with our eighth grade prayer pals. We pray for and encourage each other as both classes prepare to receive special sacraments. Each month we meet with our prayer pals and the older students assist the younger students in seasonal and spiritual activities.

In addition to religious growth, second grade builds on the educational foundations set in place in first grade. Second grade is a year of tremendous growth both spiritually and academically!

Mrs. Eberly, Second Grade Teacher



## Johnny Appleseed Day

Our youngest students enjoyed learning about apples in celebration of Johnny Appleseed Day!

Preschool children made prints using tempera paint and apples which were cut horizontally to show the star pattern God had hidden inside!



Kindergarten wore special hats as they heard the story of Johnny Appleseed. They helped to make homemade applesauce and enjoyed the tasty treat.



Second Grade completed their first STEM activity of the year creating "Apple Rafts". They learned about density and buoyancy as they tested their rafts to see if they would float.



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