



The Archdiocese of Baltimore's 2nd Grade Art Curriculum builds on skills learned in 1st Grade with a focus on mastering those skills in the creation and appreciation of visual art. Students continue to work with a variety of art media, techniques, culture specific art forms, historical periods, and influential artists. Students further master the second grade standards and develop their skills in the principles and characteristics of art. Students demonstrate the ability to properly and safely use tools, and utilize basic art skills and techniques during the creative process. Students are encouraged to create original works of art to communicate ideas.

There are four units in the art curriculum. Unit 1 is a yearlong unit which focuses on Artistic Processes. Throughout the year, young artists are guided through thinking and communicating about their artwork and the work of others. The concepts and standards of safe practices in the art classroom are further developed in Unit 2. Further development of the basic elements of art and design is addressed in Unit 3. Working collaboratively on group projects and with peers is the focus in Unit 4.

The art curriculum standards are written whereby grade bands share the same standards. For example the same standards are used for grades K - 2; grades 3-5; and grades 6-8. The concept of scaffolding incorporates a variety of instructional techniques used to move students progressively toward stronger understanding and, ultimately, greater independence in the learning process. The idea is to progress skills from an introductory level in Kindergarten; develop skills in Grade 1; and accomplish the skills in Grade 2. The same concept is applied to Grades 3-5 and 6-8.