

Second Grade Curriculum Snapshot

The Second grade curriculum strives to educate the whole child by addressing each area of child development: spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional and social. We provide a common core and standards based, academically challenging curriculum, and incorporate technology to enhance the educational experience. We strive to include Christ in all aspects of education and to demonstrate God's love in word and deed.

Religion

- Units: Beginnings; The Promised Land; Bad Times and Good Times; The Faithless and the Faithful; Jesus, the Son of God; Miracles of Jesus; Jesus' Ministry; Salvation through Jesus; Spread the Good News
- Daily devotions and songs, weekly memory work, praying throughout the day

Reading/Writing/Grammar/Spelling (Common Core aligned)

- Reading: Fiction and non-fiction genres, Reader's Theater, poetry, building comprehension skills, Read-to-Self daily (at school and home), Accelerated Reader (AR)
- Writing: journals, paragraph writing, personal narrative, persuasive, taking notes
- Grammar: sentences, nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, prepositions
- Spelling: weekly spelling lists/tests, phonics skills, games and workbook pages

Math (Common Core aligned)

- Operations and Algebraic Thinking (represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction, add and subtract within 20, work with equal groups)
- Number Operations in Base Ten (understand place value, use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract)
- Measurement and Data (measure and estimate lengths in standard units, relate addition and subtraction to length, time and money, represent and interpret data)
- Geometry (reason with shapes and their attributes)
- Rocket Math (two times per week: addition and subtraction)

Science

- Units: Air and Weather, Balance and Motion, Plants (Morton Arboretum field trip)
- Hands-on learning experiments and exploration
- Health topics: healthy choices promoting good diet, exercise and self-management
- Robert Crown Health Center field trip

Social Studies

- Historical concepts involving early exploration and colonization, figures in American history, exploring communities, introduction to government concepts

Handwriting

- Systematic, explicit letter formation instruction, manuscript review, cursive instruction and practice
- Neat, legible manuscript is expected on all assignments

Technology

- Listening to student-selected reading during guided reading
- AR testing

Music (twice weekly)

- Music theory: meter, key signatures, vocal technique
- Primary choir: sing in worship services four times a year
- Extra-curricular musical opportunities: strings, piano

Physical Education (daily)

- Midline-crossing activities
- Vaulting and tumbling activities
- Cardiovascular endurance activities
- Throwing, tossing, dribbling, catching, and striking activities
- Ongoing development of locomotor and dance skills

Art (once a week)

- Elements of visual art are offered and explored
- Introduction to various artists and art media

Library check out (once a week)