

SECOND GRADE CURRICULUM

RELIGION:

God's Word is shared with the children daily in second grade through the use of Scripture, student booklets, songs, prayers, and crafts. In second grade we learn that the Lord is faithful and has a plan for all His people. The students study many Bible stories from the Old Testament beginning with creation and continuing through the prophets. They also learn about the life of Jesus and how He fulfilled all the promises made in the Bible. Selected verses from the Bible are committed to memory. Finally, the students are encouraged to not only grow and mature in the faith—but to share their faith with others. One way we do that is through our second grade chapel services.

ENGLISH:

Second grade language arts develop sentence structure through grammar and the writing process. Grammar work includes types of sentences, nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. There is also a lot of work done with special kinds of words (i.e. synonyms, antonyms, words with prefixes and suffixes, etc.) Grammar skills are applied in the writing process throughout the year. There is a lot of emphasis placed on writing that exhibits clear main ideas and details. Throughout the year learning centers and computer programs aid the children with their skills.

MATH:

Second grade math builds on foundational work from kindergarten and first grade. The children work with number families eleven to eighteen. Work is also done with triple digits. There is extensive work with story problems. Other areas of math are developed such as measurement, data analysis, fractions, geometry, telling time, and counting money. Introductory work in multiplication and division completes the curriculum. Most lessons use hands-on activities and learning centers. There is ample time allowed for computer games, too. Our daily calendar board and estimation jar show children math as an everyday part of their lives.

READING & SPELLING/VOCABULARY:

Second grade reading expands the children's knowledge and mastery of words through weekly stories. Each week the stories include new phonics, vocabulary, and skills essential for reading for both enjoyment and understanding. Story elements, study skills, comprehension skills, fluency, and much more enable students to be competent readers. These skills are learned through many modalities such as the computer, learning centers, crafts, games, story writing, and listening CDs. Spelling incorporates phonetic skills and new vocabulary used in weekly reading lessons. Children learn phonetic spellings and sounds using computer programs, writing, games, and letter cubes. Words are also used in context in written materials, often requiring proofreading skills. A weekly test checks mastery.

SCIENCE:

Second grade science builds on work from first grade in life, earth, and physical sciences. Each unit includes foundational vocabulary, diagrams, and experiments. Inquiry skills help students to think like a scientist. STEM activities integrate science, technology, engineering, and math with real-world problem solving. Throughout the year, students experience the vast complexities of the world that God has created for them.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Through the use of Big Books, maps, student texts, and hands-on activities such as foldables and learning centers, second graders study the world around them in the areas of government, citizenship, history, economics, and geography. Weekly current events topics are studied through the use of *Scholastic News*. In the spring the children learn about their nation's capitol, Washington, DC.

MUSIC

Students will sing, dance, play musical games, listen, and play musical instruments as they build confidence in their own musicianship. They will build musical independence by creating and performing their own melodies and rhythms, and by reading traditional notation. All students are given opportunities to praise God as they learn to express their musical gifts to His glory through worship, special presentations, and classroom activities.