

Second Grade Learning Objectives

Second grade is a time to build on and expand skills learned in first grade as students become more independent and self-confident in reading and math. Lessons from textbooks, experiments, projects, and technology help second graders to learn in various ways. Reading materials include textbooks and mixed genre selections, as well as reader's theaters and plays to improve fluency and oral expression. We will work on mastering printed handwriting and introduce cursive writing into daily work. Math will enable students to discover a variety of ways to solve problems while strengthening equation abilities. Science and Social Studies will include ways to probe, experiment, and learn about the world around them. We will have weekly Chapel time together, as well as daily devotions, bible lessons and weekly memory assignments. The second grade curriculum includes religion, music, Spanish, art physical education, and computer lab. The students wear uniforms and attend class from 8:30 to 3:00 each day.

Faith and Memory

- Beginnings – Creation, First sin, Great Flood, Abram, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses
- Promised Land – Exodus through Judges
- Bad and Good Times – Ruth, Hannah, Samuel, David, and Solomon
- Faithless and Faithful – Elijah, Elisha, Josiah, Daniel, Nehemiah
- Jesus, Son of God – Birth of John, Birth of Jesus, Life of Jesus
- Miracles of Jesus
- Jesus' Ministry
- Salvation through Jesus – Trials, death, and resurrection of Jesus
- Spread the Good News – Jesus appears to the disciples, Ascension, Pentecost, Saul/Paul, and Peter
- Books of Old and New Testament
- Ten Commandments
- The Lord's Prayer

Reading/Phonics

- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Reading Anthology
- Novels – Stuart Little, James and the Giant Peach
- Phonemic sounds, blends, diagraphs

Language Arts

- Spelling
- Journaling
- Grammar
- Synonyms, Antonyms, Homonyms

- Proofreading
- Possessives
- Nouns, verbs, pronouns
- Capitalization and punctuation
- Letter writing
- Handwriting – master printing, introduce cursive

Math

- Number sense and numeration
- Whole number operations
- Addition, subtraction, introduce multiplication and Division concepts
- Fractions
- Money
- Simple geometry & spatial relationships
- Measurement – time & calendar, temperature, linear measure, weight, capacity, perimeter, area, & volume
- Data analysis and statistics
- Probability
- Simple algebra and functions

Science

- Life Science – Plants, Animals-Life Cycles, and Fossils
- Physical Science – Matter, Sound/Heat/Light, Force/Magnets/Electricity
- Earth Science –The Earth, Weather and Seasons, The Solar System
- Human Body – How your body works, Nutrition, Keeping Healthy

Social Studies

- Map Skills
- Family Ties
- Earth, Our Home
- Working World
- We the People – Presidents, Government, Our Capital
- Our Past

Spanish

- Alphabet
- Calendar
- Numbers 0-39
- Colors
- Basic Expressions
- Tu and Usted (You)
- Classroom Objects
- Clothing
- Food
- Community

- The Body
- Family
- Animals
- The House
- Adjectives
- Commands
- People, Places, and Holidays

Music

All Music classes will cover the following: music theory, performance, composition, improvisation, listening and music history. Second grade music will highlight:

- Composers: Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Ellington
- Instruments: Brass
- Multicultural: Far East
- Musical Stories: Nutcracker

Art

- Color Wheel and Value
- Contour lines and line variety
- Contour Drawing
- Self Portraits

Technology

- Keyboard
- Tools and components
- Research

Field Trips, Special Events, and Projects

- Fire Station
- Family Tree
- First Thanksgiving play
- KTVZ – weather
- Garden center
- President Reports
- Hatch eggs
- Insect reports