

2nd Grade Course Goals

- Bible:** Students will learn Bible truths through the telling of the stories of the Old and New Testaments. They will begin to problem-solve in their own lives by following the examples of the faithful men and women in the Bible.
- Social Studies:** History in the Second Grade will encourage students to learn more about America, its flags, its freedoms, its patriotic holidays, and its songs. It will help them to understand the Judeo/Christian principles that have made our country great and will encourage them to love our country and be good citizens. They will learn about the people who have lived and died to make America great including the Separatists, America's Indians, the colonists, the pioneers, the cowboys, and the immigrants from around the world. A knowledge of basic geography will help second graders understand the facts and locations of historical events studied. Students will learn the continents, oceans, directions, and basic map skills, states within the United States, and names of neighboring countries.
- Language Arts:** One of the most important goals in Second Grade is for students to be able to read accurately and with understanding. This goal will be accomplished with a phonics program that teaches rules to help students figure out words, gradually increasing reading confidence. The same rules will be used to teach students to spell, increasing their ability and potential for communicating through the written word.
- Mathematics:** Second Grade Arithmetic lays a solid foundation for higher level math by emphasizing memorization of facts to build mathematical knowledge. It gives children useful tools for counting, adding, telling time and giving change. The Bible-based approach to word problems helps build strong Christian character.
- Science:** Science in Second Grade will teach the student to better appreciate and care for his body. It will introduce students to several species of the animal kingdom and increase their awareness of animals in their environment. It will develop a better understanding of the importance of plants in their lives. It will introduce students to the basic principles of energy, gravity, and friction. It will also help students to understand our atmosphere and the causes of various weather conditions. The students will also gain a basic understanding of our solar system.
- Computer:** Computer lab lessons are designed to teach students about the use of technology. Students will use a variety of applications throughout the year. Applications and topics of study include: *Microsoft Word*, *Microsoft Power Point*, *Microsoft Excel*, *Paint*, *Computer Awareness*, *Internet Safety and Searches*, *Keyboarding*, and *Kid Pix*. In order to create the most effective learning environment for the students, lessons are integrated with classroom units to enhance learning in the core subject areas as well.
- Music:** In 2nd grade Music, students will learn to praise God through music and appreciate and have fun with music. Students will also memorize Bible verses through songs, reinforce simple math concepts, develop coordination through music and movement, learn Bible principles through song, and reinforce Bible stories through song. Students will also be given the opportunity to participate in school wide programs.
- Physical Education:** In Physical education, students acquire the knowledge and skills for movement that provide the foundation for enjoyment, continued social development through physical activity, and access to a physically-active lifestyle. In grades K-2, children learn fundamental movement skills and begin to understand how the muscles, bones, heart and lungs function in relation to physical activity. Students are engaged in activities that develop basic levels of strength, endurance, and flexibility. In addition, students learn to work safely in group and individual movement settings.

2nd Grade Curriculum

Language Arts (A Beka, BJUP):

Phonics and Reading

Review of vowels, consonants, blends, one- and two-vowel words, consonant blends
Recognition and use of all phonics special sounds in reading
Spelling rules: doubling consonants, dropping silent e, changing y to i
Oral reading

Writing

Review of letter formation
Guided creative writing
Creative writing journal
Daily seatwork practice in all academic areas

Spelling and Poetry

Weekly phonics-based word list
Vocabulary words and definitions second semester
Weekly test
Reinforcement activities

Language

Capitalization of first word in a sentence, days of the week, months of the year, special holidays, people, and places
Correct punctuation at the ends of sentences
Complete sentences, questions, and exclamations
Words using suffixes, prefixes, abbreviations, compound words, rhyming words, opposite words, same-meaning words, singular and plural words, singular possessive words, and contractions
Alphabetizing words and other dictionary skills
Word usage rules
Writing of complete sentences, questions, exclamations, and short stories
Writing letters and thank-you notes
Creative writing

Social Studies (A Beka):

America, Our Home
Our Flag
Our Patriotic Holidays
Our Songs
The People Who Built America
The Separatists
America's Indians
The Colonists
America's Pioneers
America's Cowboys
The New Americans
Tomorrow's America

Science (ACSI):

Life Science: Plants, Vertebrates, Invertebrates, Habitats
Physical Science: Energy, Light, Heat
Human Body: Sound and Hearing, Sight and Touch, Taste and Smell
Earth Science: Weather, Oceans

Math (A Beka):

Number recognition, counting, and writing
1–10,000 and beyond
Numbers greatest and least 1–1,000
Counting and writing to hundred thousands, threes to 36, fours to 48
Ordinal numbers
Addition facts through 18, column addition, four-digit addition with carrying
Subtraction facts through 18, four-digit subtraction with borrowing
Multiplication facts 0–5
Division facts 1–5
Story problems
Multiple combinations
Estimation
Rounding
Numbers before and after by ones, twos, threes, fours, fives, and tens
Counting and combining coins and bills
Telling time to the nearest minute
English and some metric measures
Drawing and measuring lines to one-half inch
Developing listening skills
Calendars
Place value to thousands
Unit fractions
Making change
Reading a thermometer
Reading pictographs, bar graphs, and line graphs
Roman numerals

Bible (A Beka):

Lessons such as Salvation Series, Life of Moses, Tabernacle, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Jonah
(includes memory verses and Bible doctrine)