

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, 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, light, and heat. 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 the earth's oceans.
- 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*, computer awareness, coding, internet safety and searches, keyboarding and *Kid Pix*. In order to create the most effective learning environment for the students, lessons and online games are integrated with classroom units to enhance learning in the core subject areas.
- Music:** Students will learn to praise God through music. Students will memorize Bible Verses, learn simple math concepts, develop coordination through music and movement, and learn Bible principles. Students will learn age appropriate music theory and be given opportunities to play classroom instruments. Students will complete non-graded (first semester) and graded (second semester) music worksheets in order for the teacher to check for understanding. Students are required 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 (BJUP):

Phonics and Reading

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

Writing

Review of letter formation
Guided creative writing
Writing a Personal Story
Writing Instructions
Writing Poetry
Writing a Book Report
Writing a Friendly Letter
Writing a Make-Believe Story
Writing a Description
Writing a Research Report

Spelling

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

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
Nouns, verbs, and adjectives
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

Social Studies (BJUP):

God So Loved the World
Community Life
Liberty and Justice for All
Land That I Love
Exploring Our Past
The New England Colonies
The Middle Colonies
The Southern Colonies
The Revolutionary War
A Nation is Born

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 (BJUP):

Addition Facts
Place Value: Two and three digit number
Subtraction Facts
Time and Calendar
Addition: Two and three digit numbers
Subtraction: Two and three digit numbers
Customary Measurement
Money
Understanding Multiplication
Multiplication Facts
Fractions
Geometry
Metric Measurement
Exploring Four digit numbers
Understanding Division
Division Facts
Problem Solving

Bible (BJUP):

- Chronological and thematic study of the Old and New Testaments
- Bible characters include: Noah, Abraham, Moses, Gideon, Samuel, David, Samson, Nehemiah, Ruth, Esther, Daniel, Dorcas, Paul, Jesus
- Themes include:
God is my King, obedience, humility, serving, forgiveness, giving, thankfulness, surrender, stewardship, courage, faith, faithfulness, zeal, priorities, loyalty, joy, evangelism

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ACSI – Association of Christian Schools International